2019 USC Holiday Bowl Guide

DL Jay Tufele
All-Pac-12 First Team

WR Michael Pittman Jr.
Pop Warner College Football Award Winner
Biletnikoff Award Finalist
All-Pac-12 First Team
95 Rec, 1,222 Yds, 11 TD

QB Kedon Slovis
Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of Year
USC Freshman Records: 260 Cmp, 3,242 Yds
USC Game Record: 515 Pass Yds vs. UCLA

OT Austin Jackson
All-Pac-12 First Team

OG Alijah Vera-Tucker
All-Pac-12 Second Team

S Talanoa Hufanga
All-Pac-12 Second Team
76 Tacs

DL Drake Jackson
All-Pac-12 Second Team
Pac-12 Def. Freshman of Year Hon. Ment.

WR/KOR Velus Jones Jr.
All-Pac-12 Second Team
USC's No. 2 Career KOR

PK Chase McGrath
All-Pac-12 Hon. Ment.
31 Career FG

WR Tyler Vaughns
All-Pac-12 Hon. Ment.
68 Rec, 858 Yds, 6 TD

CB Olaijah Griffin
All-Pac-12 Hon. Ment.
Team-High 9 DFL

ILB John Houston Jr.
All-Pac-12 Hon. Ment.
Team-High 100 Tacs

WR Amon-Ra St. Brown
All-Pac-12 Hon. Ment.
68 Rec, 879 Yds, 6 TD

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USC: AMERICA'S BOWL TEAM

USC has a remarkable record in bowl games. The Trojans have the nation's eighth highest bowl winning percentage (.654) among the 96 schools that have made at least 10 bowl appearances (behind Marshall's .857, Utah's .773, Louisiana Tech's .750, San Jose State's .700, Wake Forest's .692, Boise State's .667 and Oklahoma State's .655) (not including 1 USC win and 1 USC loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: .648). USC's 34 bowl victories is second behind Alabama's 40 for the most in the nation (not including 1 win for both teams vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 35 for USC, 41 for Alabama). Troy's 52 bowl appearances are tied for fifth most with Tennessee and Oklahoma, behind Alabama (69), Texas (55) and Georgia (55) and Nebraska (53) (not including 2 USC appearances and 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 54 for USC, 70 for Alabama). USC once won 9 consecutive bowl games (the 1923-30-32-33-39-40-44-45 Rose Bowls and 1924 Christmas Festival); only Florida State has won more in a row (11).

USC's overall post-season record is 34-18 (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 35-19). The Trojans were a bowl participant each year they were eligible from 1972 to 1990.

USC has appeared in an unprecedented 33 Rose Bowls, where it has a 25-8 mark (.758) (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34 Rose Bowls, 25-9, .735). That is not only the most Rose Bowl wins of any team, but also the most wins by a school in a single bowl. USC has won 12 of its last 14 Rose Bowls (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 12 of its last 15). USC is the only team to win 3 consecutive Rose Bowls (2007-08-09). USC twice played in 4 consecutive Rose Bowl games (1967 to 1970 and 2006 to 2009); Ohio State (1973 to 1976) is the only other team to have done so.

USC has also appeared in 13 other bowls--the Christmas Festival, Liberty Bowl, Bluebonnet Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Aloha Bowl, Florida Citrus Bowl, Sun (John Hancock) Bowl (3 times), Freedom Bowl (twice), Cotton Bowl (twice), Las Vegas Bowl (twice), Orange Bowl (twice), Emerald Bowl and Holiday Bowl (twice).

USC made 5 BCS bowl appearances (2003 Orange, 2004 Rose, 2007 Rose, 2008 Rose, 2009 Rose)(not including 2 appearances--2005 Orange and 2006 Rose--vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: an unprecedented 7 consecutive BCS bowl appearances). USC's 5 overall BCS bowl trips tied for seventh most, behind Ohio State's 9, Oklahoma's 9, Florida State's 8, Florida's 7, Virginia Tech's 6 and Alabama's 6 (not including 2 appearances vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 7 appearances, tied for fourth most; also, 1 Ohio State appearance vacated by NCAA penalty). USC's 5 BCS bowl victories tied with Ohio State for the most of any school (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 6 victories, tied with Ohio State for most; also, 1 Ohio State win vacated by NCAA penalty).

USC's Rose Bowl Record

1923--USC 14, Penn State 3
1930--USC 47, Pittsburgh 14
1932--USC 21, Tulane 12
1933--USC 35, Pittsburgh 0
1939--USC 7, Duke 3
1940--USC 14, Tennessee 0
1944--USC 29, Washington 0
1945--USC 25, Tennessee 0
1946--Alabama 34, USC 14
1948--Michigan 49, USC 0
1953--USC 7, Wisconsin 0
1955--Ohio State 20, USC 7
1963--USC 42, Wisconsin 37
1967--Purdue 14, USC 13
1968--USC 14, Indiana 3
1969--Ohio State 27, USC 16
1970--USC 10, Michigan 3
1973--USC 42, Ohio State 17
1974--Ohio State 42, USC 21
1975--USC 18, Ohio State 17
1977--USC 14, Michigan 6
1979--USC 17, Michigan 10
1980--USC 17, Ohio State 16
1985--USC 20, Ohio State 17
1988--Michigan State 20, USC 17
1989--Michigan 22, USC 14
1990--USC 17, Michigan 10
1996--USC 41, Northwestern 32
*2004--USC 28, Michigan 14
*2006--Texas 41, USC 38** (BCS Championship Game)
*2007--USC 32, Michigan 18
*2008—USC 49, Illinois 17
*2009—USC 38, Penn State 24
2017--USC 52, Penn State 49

USC's Record in Other Bowls

1924—USC 20, Missouri 7 (Christmas Festival)
1975—USC 20, Texas A&M 0 (Liberty Bowl)
1977—USC 47, Texas A&M 28 (Bluebonnet Bowl)
1982—Penn State 26, USC 10 (Fiesta Bowl)
1985—Alabama 24, USC 3 (Aloha Bowl)
1987—Auburn 16, USC 7 (Florida Citrus Bowl)
1990—Michigan State 17, USC 16 (John Hancock Bowl)
1992—Fresno State 24, USC 7 (Freedom Bowl)
1993—USC 28, Utah 21 (Freedom Bowl)
1995—USC 55, Texas Tech 14 (Cotton Bowl)
1998—TCU 28, USC 19 (Sun Bowl)
2001—Utah 10, USC 6 (Las Vegas Bowl)
***2003—USC 38, Iowa 17 (Orange Bowl)**
*2005—USC 55**, Oklahoma 19 (Orange Bowl, BCS Championship Game)
2009—USC 24, Boston College 13 (Emerald Bowl)
2012—Georgia Tech 21, USC 7 (Sun Bowl)
2013—USC 45, Fresno State 20 (Las Vegas Bowl)
2014—USC 45, Nebraska 42 (Holiday Bowl)
2015—Wisconsin 23, USC 21 (Holiday Bowl)
2017—Ohio State 24, USC 7 (Cotton Bowl Classic)
*BCS Bowl game
**2005 win and 2006 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty

USC QUICK FACTS

Location .....Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone .....(213) 740-2311
Founded 1880
Size ..... 235 acres
Enrollment .....47,500 (20,000 undergraduates)
President .....Carol L. Folt
Colors ..... Cardinal and Gold
Nickname ..... Trojans
Band .....Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song ..... "Fight On"
Mascot .....Traveler IX
Official Website ..... USCTrojans.com
Sports Information Director .....Tim Tessalone
(w-213-740-8480; c-213-725-3572; tessalon@usc.edu)
Asst. Sports Information Director ..... Katie Ryan
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First Football Team 1888
USC's All-Time Football Record 847*-350-54 (69.9%)
Stadium .....Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum,
....United Airlines Field (77,500 capacity, natural grass surface)
Conference Pac-12
Athletic Director .....Mike Bohn
Head Football Coach .....Clay Helton (Houston, 1994)
Record at USC .....40-21, 6 Years
Overall College Coaching Record .....40-21, 6 Years
Coach's Telephone .....(213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation .....Multiple
Defensive Formation 4-3
**Not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 861-351-54, 70.1%)*

Holiday Bowl Media Director .....Rick Schloss
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USC FOOTBALL HOLIDAY BOWL NOTES

RANKINGS

*USC currently is ranked 22nd in the AP sports media, 23rd in the Amway coaches poll and 22nd by the BCS. Iowa is ranked 19th by AP and the coaches and 16th by the BCS.

SERIES

*It has been 17 years since USC and Iowa last played. The Trojans hold a 7-2 series edge over the Hawkeyes, winning the last 6 meetings. USC has outscored Iowa, 282-91.

*The teams' last meeting came in the 2003 Orange Bowl (following the 2002 season). No. 5 USC--behind a balanced offense and a stingy defense--staked its claim as one of the nation's top teams of 2002 as it swamped No. 3 Iowa, 38-17. It was the teams' first meeting in a bowl.

*Before that Orange Bowl, USC and Iowa hadn't played for 26 years. The teams met in 1976 in Los Angeles, a 55-0 Trojan win behind QB Rob Hertel's school-record-tying 4 TD passes and 100-yard rushing performances by TBs Ricky Bell and Charles White (it was USC's biggest margin of victory in any game since 1931). USC's other wins came in 1925 (18-0 at home), 1962 (7-0 on the road), 1970 (48-0 on the road), 1974 (41-3 at home) and 1975 (27-16 on the road). Iowa's victories were in 1950, when the Hawkeyes upset No. 12 USC, 20-14, in the Coliseum on a touchdown with 10 minutes to play (the first time USC lost a night game) and 1961, when the top-ranked Hawkeyes won, 35-34, in the Coliseum (Troy trailed 34-20 with less than 5 minutes to play before a pair of Bill Nelsen-to-Hal Bedsole TD passes closed the gap, but the Trojans failed on a 2-point conversion for the win with less than a minute left). USC came into the Iowa games ranked in the AP Top 13 in all but 2 of the 9 meetings (in the pre-ranking year of 1925 and then in 1961).

VERSUS BIG TEN CONFERENCE

*USC holds a 75-29-3 record against Big Ten teams. Despite dropping its last 2 meetings against Big Ten foes, Troy has won 13 of its last 15 games against the conference, as well as 35 of its last 45 and 42 of its last 53. The Trojans' last game against a Big Ten squad came in the 2017 Cotton Bowl, a 24-7 Buckeye victory.

*Iowa, on the other hand, is 29-38-1 versus Pac-12 teams. The Hawkeyes' last meeting against a Pac-12 foe came in the 2016 Rose Bowl (after the 2015 season), a 45-16 loss to Stanford.

SEASON ENDERS

*USC is 69-44-11 (.601) in all season finales (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 70-45-11, .599.).

FRIDAY GAMES

*USC has played 12 Friday games since 1990: versus Syracuse in the 1990 Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J., versus Louisiana Tech in 1999 in the Coliseum, at Colorado in 2011, at Oregon State in 2013, at Colorado in 2015, at Utah in 2016, 3 times in 2017 (at Washington State, against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game and against Ohio State in the Cotton Bowl), versus Washington State in 2018 in the Coliseum and twice so far in 2019 (versus Utah in the Coliseum and at Colorado). All were wins except the 2016 Utah and 2017 Washington State and Ohio State contests.

*In the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, USC played occasional Friday night games in the Coliseum when sharing the stadium with UCLA.

IN DECEMBER

*USC has a 42-28-7 (.591) all-time record while playing in the month of December (not including 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 44-28-7, .601).

AT NIGHT

*USC owns a 182-66-4 (.730) all-time record at night, including 107-30-4 in the Coliseum, 59-29 on the road and 15-7 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 186-67-4, .732 overall, 110-30-4 in the Coliseum, 17-8 at neutral sites.)

*This week's Holiday Bowl will be the Trojans' ninth night game in 2019 (the school season record is 10, in 2010 and 2017).

USC IN SAN DIEGO

*USC has played just 8 games in San Diego, sporting a 3-4-1 record. The games were against: San Diego YMCA in 1897 (18-0 loss), San Diego High School in 1910 (32-0 win), 21st Infantry (U.S. Army) in 1917 (3-0 win), San Diego Navy in 1943 (10-7 loss while ranked fourth) and 1945 (33-6 loss while ranked sixth), San Diego State in 1992 (a season-opening 31-31 tie in Jack Murphy Stadium in the inaugural Ralphs Holiday Classic), Nebraska in the 2014 Holiday Bowl (a 45-42 win) and Wisconsin in the 2015 Holiday Bowl (a 23-21 loss).

*Also, USC has a 5-0 record against San Diego teams in the Coliseum, beating San Diego Navy in 1944 (28-21), 1951 (41-7) and 1952 (20-6) and San Diego State in 1998 (35-6) and 1999 (24-21).

USC'S SAN DIEGO CONNECTIONS

*USC has 5 players who prepped in the San Diego area: TB **Kenan Christon** (Madison HS), CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (Helix HS), S **Richard Hagestad** (Bishop's School), QB **Trevor Scully** (La Jolla HS) and WR **Chris Caulk** (Cathedral Catholic HS/San Diego Mesa JC).

*USC offensive line coach/run game and pass protection coordinator **Tim Drevno** was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at San Diego (2003-06).

*USC offensive quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** was a graduate assistant at San Diego State in 2007, then the tight ends coach at San Diego in 2008.

*USC wide receivers coach **Keary Colbert's** cousin is Clarence Oliver, a defensive back at San Diego State in 1967-68.

*USC head athletic trainer **Russ Romano** is a graduate of San Diego State.

*USC athletic director **Mike Bohn** was the A.D. at San Diego State (2003-05).

*Former USC sports information office intern **Will Ferrell** portrayed fictional San Diego television newscaster Ron Burgundy in the movie, "Anchorman."

USC-IOWA CONNECTIONS

*USC has no players from Iowa, while Iowa has one Californian (QB **Spencer Petras** from Marin Catholic HS in Greenbrae).

*USC special teams coordinator/tight ends coach **John Baxter** began his coaching career at his alma mater, Loras College in Dubuque, Ia., where he served for 5 seasons (1981-85) as a student assistant (working with the running backs). He then moved on to Iowa State for 2 seasons (1986-87) as a graduate assistant working with the defensive line and special teams.

*Legendary USC head football coach **Howard Jones** (1925-40), who won 4 national championships and 5 Rose Bowls with his "Thundering Herd" teams at Troy, also was Iowa's head coach (1916-23), where he won the 1921 national title. He also served as the Hawkeye athletic director (1917-24) and baseball coach (1919).

USC IN HOLIDAY BOWL

*This will be USC's third trip to the Holiday Bowl, where it has a 1-1 mark.

*In 2015 in Troy's most recent visit to the Holiday Bowl, PK Rafael Gaglianone kicked 3 field goals, including a 29-yarder with 2:27 to play, to give No. 23 Wisconsin a 23-21 victory over USC. It was USC's first loss to Wisconsin in 7 meetings (the teams last played in 1966) and it snapped Troy's 13-game winning streak over Big Ten squads (including 8 straight in bowls). USC trailed the entire game before taking a 21-20 lead with 10:19 to play on a 7-yard touchdown pass from QB Cody Kessler to WR Darreus Rogers. But later in the final quarter, the Badgers drove 42 yards into position for Gaglianone's game-winning 3-pointer.

*In 2014 in Troy's first appearance in the Holiday Bowl, No. 24 USC used QB Cody Kessler's 3 touchdown passes, a pair of scores by both TB Javorius Allen and CB-WR-RET Adoree' Jackson, a pair of fourth quarter fourth-down defensive stops and a batted-down Hail Mary pass at the gun to hold off No. 25 Nebraska, 45-42, in a wild shootout. The win kept USC undefeated against Nebraska in 5 meetings (it was the first time the teams met in the post-season). It was USC's 13th straight win over a Big Ten team, including 8 in a row in a bowl. The teams combined for 1,040 total yards and 87 points, with 4 touchdowns measuring more than 40 yards. There were 27 points scored in the first quarter and 38 in the third. It was the last time that a Pac-12 team has won in the Holiday Bowl.

USC'S MOST RECENT BOWL

*No. 5 Ohio State took advantage of No. 8 USC's 4 turnovers, 8 allowed sacks and red zone inefficiency to post a 24-7 victory in the 2017 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic in AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex. The victory snapped USC's 7-game winning streak over Ohio State. Despite the score, USC dominated many of the statistics, outgaining the Buckeyes 413 to 277 while getting more plays (81-55) and first downs (23-13) and holding the ball for 34:56. USC limited Ohio State to just 2-of-12 on third downs. The Buckeyes jumped out to a 24-0 lead before USC scored late in the first half. USC held OSU scoreless the rest of the way, allowing only 94 yards and 4 first downs in the second half (and 0-of-5 on third downs). USC got into the red zone 3 times in the fourth quarter but came away with no points on a missed field goal, a lost fumble and an unsuccessful fourth down try. For USC, QB Sam Darnold was 26-of-45 for 356 yards, WR Deontay Burnett caught a Cotton Bowl record 12 passes for 139 yards, WR Tyler Vaughns had 6 receptions for 119 yards and TB Ronald Jones II ran for 64 yards on 19 tries (with a 1-yard TD).

IOWA BOWL HISTORY

*Iowa is 16-15-1 (.516) in bowl games. The Hawkeyes are 2-0-1 all-time in the Holiday Bowl, defeating San Diego State (39-38) in 1986 and Wyoming (20-19) in 1987 and tying Brigham Young (13-13) in 1991.

NATIONAL AWARDS

*WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** won the 2019 Pop Warner College Football Award (senior who made an impact on the field/classroom/community). He was a finalist for the Blietnikoff Award (top receiver) and is a finalist for the Witten Award (College Man of the Year) and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award (performance/leadership/character/resilience).

ALL-AMERICAN

*WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** was named to the 2019 AP All-American second team, Football Coaches All-American second team, Football Writers All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team, The Athletic All-American second team and Pro Football Focus All-American honorable mention. OG **Alijah Vera-Tucker** made the 2019 Pro Football Focus All-American third team. DL **Drake Jackson** made the 2019 247 Sports Freshman All-American first team and Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American second team. QB **Kedon Slovis** made the 2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team. WR **Drake London** made the 2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team.

ALL-PAC-12

*WR **Michael Pittman Jr**., OT **Austin Jackson** and DL **Jay Tufele** were named to the 2019 All-Pac-12 first team, while QB **Kedon Slovis** was selected as the Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. Additionally, OG **Alijah Vera-Tucker**, DL **Drake Jackson**, S **Talanoa Hufanga** and KOR **Velus Jones Jr.** made the All-Pac-12 second team, as did Pittman as a special teams player. Drake Jackson also made Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honorable mention. USC's All-Pac-12 honorable mention choices were: Slovis, ILB **John Houston Jr**., WRs **Tyler Vaughns** and **Amon-Ra St. Brown**, CB **Olaijah Griffin** and PK **Chase McGrath**. Of USC's 13 selections for the various All-Pac-12 teams, just Pittman and Houston are seniors, while only Austin Jackson, Jones and Vaughns are juniors. Slovis is the fourth Trojan to be the Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year, joining wide receivers Robert Woods (2010) and Marqise Lee (2011) and quarterback Sam Darnold (2016).

USC TEAM AWARDS

*WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** was named the MVP of the 2019 USC football team. He also won the Community Service Award and Lifters Award. ILB **John Houston Jr.** was the Most Inspirational Player. WR **Tyler Vaughns** was the Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year, while Ss **Talanoa Hufanga** and **Isaiah Pola-Mao** were the Defensive Perimeter Players of the Year. OG **Alijah Vera-Tucker** was the Offensive Lineman of the Year, while DL **Jay Tufele** repeated as Defensive Lineman of the Year. PK **Chase McGrath** was the Special Teams Player of the Year. WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** won the Trojan Way Leadership Award and DL **Christian Rector** won the Trojan Commitment Award. TEs **Sean Mahoney** and **Scott Voigt** were the Offensive Service Team Players of the Year, while ILBs **Matt Bayle** and **Grant Jones** were the Defensive Service Team Players of the Year. QB **Kedon Slovis** was the Player of the Game Versus UCLA. OG **Jacob Daniel** won the Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award. TE **Erik Krommenhoek** won the Bob Chandler Award, OT **Drew Richmond** won the John McKay Award, TB **Quincy Jountti** won the Joe Collins Walk-on Award and the Lifters Award, OT **Austin Jackson** won the Chris Carlisle Courage Award and QB **Matt Fink** won the Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award.

INJURIES

*USC has had a number of starters and key backups miss games with injuries in 2019. They include (with games missed): ILB **Jordan Iosefa**, knee (12), ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu**, foot (12), DL **Jacob Lichtenstein**, knee (12), OT **Clayton Bradley**, hand (12), QB **JT Daniels**, knee (11), OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees**, ankle (10), CB **Max Williams**, knee/ankle (2/3), OLB **Eli'jah Winston**, ankle (6), TB **Vavae Malepeai**, knee (5), OLB **Abdul-Malik McClain**, knee/shoulder (4/1), TB **Markese Stepp**, ankle (5), WR **Munir McClain**, knee (5), ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV**, ankle (5), OT **Liam Jimmons**, concussion/elbow (1/3), TB **Stephen Carr**, hamstring (3), S **Talanoa Hufanga**, concussion/shoulder (1/2), DL **Christian Rector**, ankle (3), OLB **Hunter Echols** (3), shoulder CB **Olaijah Griffin**, back (2), TE **Josh Falo**, ankle (2), DL **Drake Jackson**, ankle (2), CB **Greg Johnson**, shoulder/concussion (1/1), C **Brett Neilon**, calf (2), WR **Velus Jones Jr.**, ankle (1), CB **Chase Williams**, foot (1), QB **Kedon Slovis**, concussion (1), CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart**, concussion (1), CB **Chris Steele** (1), knee, and DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** (1), back. In 2019, USC has started 3 different quarterbacks and has entered games down to a fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or both starting defensive ends.

LOOKING TO 2020

*On USC's current 48-man 2-deep (including the punter and kicker), 43 players (19 offense, 20 defense, 4 specialists) are non-seniors, including 20 starters (9 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists). That does not include potential non-senior 2-deepers who are injured or any non-seniors who might leave early. USC's graduating starters are WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, ILB **John Houston Jr.**, DL **Christian Record** and OT **Drew Richmond**.

HOLIDAY BOWL HISTORY

2018 -- Northwestern 31, Utah 20
2017 -- Michigan State 42, Washington State 17
2016 -- Minnesota 17, Washington State 12
2015 -- Wisconsin 23, **USC** 21
2014 -- **USC** 45, Nebraska 42
2013 -- Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23
2012 -- Baylor 49, UCLA 26
2011 -- Texas 21, California 10
2010 -- Washington 19, Nebraska 7
2009 -- Nebraska 33, Arizona 0
2008 -- Oregon 42, Oklahoma State 31
2007 -- Texas 52, Arizona State 34
2006 -- California 45, Texas A&M 10
2005 -- Oklahoma 17, Oregon 14
2004 -- Texas Tech 45, California 31
2003 – Washington State 28, Texas 20
2002 -- Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27
2001 -- Texas 47, Washington 43
2000 -- Oregon 35, Texas 30
1999 -- Kansas State 24, Washington 20
1998 -- Arizona 23, Nebraska 20
1997 -- Colorado State 35, Missouri 24
1996 -- Colorado 33, Washington 21
1995 – Kansas State 54, CSU 21
1994 -- Michigan 24, Colorado State 14
1993 -- Ohio State 28, BYU 21
1992 -- Hawaii 27, Illinois 17
1991 -- **Iowa** 13, BYU 13
1990 -- Texas A&M 65, BYU 14
1989 -- Penn State 50, BYU 39
1988 -- Oklahoma State 62, Wyoming 14
1987 -- **Iowa** 20, Wyoming 19
1986 -- **Iowa** 39, San Diego State 38
1985 -- Arkansas 18, Arizona State 17
1984 -- BYU 24, Michigan 17
1983 -- BYU 21, Missouri 17
1982 -- Ohio State 47, BYU 17
1981 -- BYU 38, Washington State 36
1980 -- BYU 46, SMU 45
1979 -- Indiana 38, BYU 37
1978 -- Navy 23, BYU 16

USC HOLIDAY BOWL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, Dec. 23

**10 a.m. practice on USC campus (Howard Jones Field), first 20 minutes open to media, Coach Helton only available to media after practice (in SID Office).
**3 p.m., USC travels to San Diego.

TUESDAY, Dec. 24

**10 a.m., USC team visit to USS Theodore Roosevelt, Naval Air Station, North Island (Coronado).
**2 p.m. practice at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista 91910), first 20 minutes open to media, all players, assistant coaches and Coach Helton available to media after practice.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25

**Practice, closed to media, no interviews.
**2 p.m., USC team visit to Sea World.

THURSDAY, Dec. 26

**Practice, closed to media, no interviews.
**10:30 a.m., Coaches Press Conference (both head coaches), Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego (1 Market Pl., San Diego 92101).
**Noon, Kickoff Luncheon (both teams), Manchester Grand Hyatt.

FRIDAY, Dec. 27

**5 p.m. PT--USC vs. Iowa, Holiday Bowl, SDCCU Stadium.

All times subject to change

USC FOOTBALL STATISTICS OF NOTE

RANKING

***USC has faced 5 AP Top 25 opponents in 2019, including 3 in a row and 3 on the road (No. 23 Stanford, No. 10 Utah, No. 17 Washington, No. 9 Notre Dame, No. 7 Oregon), with wins over Stanford and Utah.

***USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 166 of its past 232 games.

***USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 102 of its past 225 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.

***USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 217 games.

SCORING

***USC scored on its first possession in 8 games in 2019, getting 7 TDs and 1 field goal.

***79 of the opponents' 333 points (23.7%) in 2019 have come following USC's 23 turnovers, while 44 of USC's 398 points (11.1%) have followed the foes' 16 turnovers.

***USC has scored at least 20 points in 203 of its past 236 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games).

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 143 of its last 226 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points 87 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 28 times with at least 50 points).

***USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 385 times since 2003.

***USC has scored in its past 271 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 286 games).

OFFENSE

***USC currently is fifth nationally in passing offense (335.9, second in Pac-12), fifth in completion percentage (.710, third in Pac-12), 12th in passing efficiency (161.1, second in Pac-12) and 17th in total offense (463.7, second in Pac-12).

***USC's top 3 receivers (WRs **Michael Pittman Jr.**, **Tyler Vaughns**, **Amon-Ra St. Brown**) have 231 catches for 2,959 yards with 23 TDs combined in 2019; in their careers, they have combined for 476 receptions for 6,439 yards and 45 TDs (each has at least 100 catches).

***WRs **Tyler Vaughns** (2,341 yards) and **Michael Pittman Jr.** (2,466 yards) are the fourth pair of 2,000-yard career receivers on the same USC roster, joining Robert Woods/Marqise Lee in 2012, Dwayne Jarrett/Steve Smith in 2006 and Keary Colbert/Mike Williams in 2003.

***Three different quarterbacks have started games for USC in 2019 (the first time that has happened at USC since 1999, when Carson Palmer, Mike Van Raaphorst and John Fox had starts) and each has led the Trojans in passing yardage in a game this year (QBs **JT Daniels**, **Kedon Slovis**, **Matt Fink**).

***USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 35 of its past 47 games (including 20 with 500-plus yards), including 9 times in 2019.

DEFENSE

***USC has intercepted a pass in 155 of the last 230 games.

***USC has held 108 of its last 225 opponents to 100 rushing yards or less.

***Only 57 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 212 games (most recently, California's DeShawn Collins with 103 in 2019).

***Since the the 2001 season, USC is 75-9 when holding foes to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010, Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013, Washington in 2015, Ohio State in 2017 and California in 2018).

MISCELLANEOUS

***USC has had 23 turnovers in 2019, while getting only 16 takeaways, including only 2 combined in its 4 losses.

***USC has played 35 freshmen (including 21 true freshmen) in 2019, with 11 starting (7 true freshmen) including specialists.

***USC has started 15 sophomores in 2019.

***USC has won 33 of its last 47 games.

***USC has won 27 of its last 35 games against teams from the Pac-12.

***USC has blocked 42 kicks/punts since 2010 (2 in 2019).

***USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 533 times, including 393 of the past 397 games (Troy's last 237 games have been televised live, a school record).

2019 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (8-4)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 31	Fresno State	W 31-23
Sept. 7	Stanford	W 45-20
Sept. 14	at BYU	L 27-30 1OT
Sept. 20 (Fr.)	Utah	W 30-23
Sept. 28	at Washington	L 14-28
Oct. 5	BYE DATE	
Oct. 12	at Notre Dame	L 27-30
Oct. 19	Arizona	W 41-14
Oct. 25 (Fr.)	at Colorado	W 35-31
Nov. 2	Oregon	L 24-56
Nov. 9	at Arizona State	W 31-26
Nov. 16	at California	W 41-17
Nov. 23	UCLA	W 52-35
Dec. 27	Iowa Holiday Bowl	5 p.m. (FS1)

FUN FACT I

In its history, USC has had 10 lettermen from Iowa: RE **Ward Browning** (1932-34) of Sioux City East HS; OG **Joel Crisman** (1990-93) of Grundy Center HS; T **Clarke DeGroot** (1924-26) of Humboldt HS; T **Robert Erskine** (1931-33) of Ottumwa HS; E **William J. Gill** (1934-35) from Des Moines; RT **Robert Hendren** (1946-48) of Clarinda HS; RG **Pete Kalinich** (1939) of Waterloo East HS; DT **Jim Phillips** (1983) of Des Moines Roosevelt HS, who transferred to USC from Iowa; T **Alfred Plaehn** (1930-32) of Reinbeck HS; and LT **Howard Stoecker** (1937-39) of Mason City HS. Also, HB **Rudy Bukich** (1051-52) transferred to USC from Iowa State.

FUN FACT II

The only previous time USC has played on Dec. 27 was the 2014 Holiday Bowl, a 45-42 win over Nebraska.

FUN FACT III

USC and Iowa played once before on a Friday: in 1950 at night in the Coliseum, when the Hawkeyes upset the No. 12 Trojans, 20-14.

USC FOOTBALL RANDOM NOTES

***USC's 2019 team captains, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are ILB **John Houston Jr.**, ILB **Jordan Iosefa**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** and DL **Christian Rector**. This is the third year in a row that USC has only one offensive player as a captain (before that, it last happened in 2004).

***One-time walk-on TB **Quincy Jountti** received a scholarship at the end of 2019 fall camp. He was notified of this when older brother Corbin, who was a tailback at USC in 2017, appeared in a video at a team meeting and informed him that he was now on scholarship.

***Two-time USC All-American **Troy Polamalu**, one of the greatest safeties in college football history, was named to the 15-member 2019 College Football Hall of Fame class. He is the 44th inductee with USC ties, including 33 players, in the College Football Hall of Fame. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 13 of the past 20 years. Polamalu was inducted at a Dec. 10 dinner in New York City and then will be enshrined at the Hall in Atlanta. Known for his fearless hitting and flying tackles, Polamalu earned consensus All-American honors in 2002 and was a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award as the best defensive back in the nation. He led the Trojans to consecutive bowl games, including a victory in the 2003 Orange Bowl and an appearance in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, where he set a Las Vegas Bowl record with 20 tackles. A two-time First Team All-Pac-10 selection, in 2002 he guided USC to its first 11-win season since 1979, a share of the conference title and a No. 4 national ranking. A two-year team captain, Polamalu was USC's MVP in 2001 and Most Inspirational Player in 2002. The Tenmile, Oregon, native recorded 281 tackles and six interceptions in his four-year career. He led USC in tackles (118) and interceptions (three) in 2001 after topping the team in interceptions (two) and deflections (seven) in 2000. A member of the Pac-12 All-Century Team, he was inducted into the USC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018. Polamalu was selected in the first round of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, and he spent his entire 12-year career with the franchise. The 2010 NFL Defensive Player of the Year went to eight Pro Bowls and led the Steelers to three Super Bowl appearances, including wins in Super Bowls XL and XLIII. He is a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team and the Pittsburgh Steelers All-Time Team. During his NFL career, he earned his degree from USC in 2011. Polamalu and his wife established the Troy & Theodora Polamalu Foundation, which has raised millions for charity. Paying tribute to his American Samoan heritage, he supports the Fa'a Samoa Initiative, set up a medical clinic in Samoa, and serves on the board of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame, of which he is an inductee.

***Dr. Arthur C. Bartner**, the director of the world-famous Trojan Marching Band, is celebrating his 50th football season at USC in 2019. A graduate of Michigan and a member of USC's Athletic Hall of Fame, Bartner built the band--known as the "Spirit of Troy" and "Hollywood's Band"--into the nation's most dynamic, innovative and recognized collegiate band with his creative approach and unique, contemporary "drive-it" style of marching.

***India Anderson**, a junior music (tuba performance) major from New Jersey, is serving as the first-ever female drum major of the Trojan Marching Band in 2019-20. Just the fourth woman to try out for USC's drum major since the TMC was established in 1880, she was elected by a vote of her fellow bandmates. And **Dana Kastul**, the first female rider of USC's white horse mascot Traveler (she rode some of the time starting in 2017), has been aboard Traveler often in 2019.

***USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys. The Trojan uniform was named the nation's seventh best in college football by USA Today in 2014.

***USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season. USC's streak will end in 2021 when it hosts FCS' UC Davis.

***USC's 623 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) are the second most that any school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 701 in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

***USC traveled 9,739 miles to its regular season road games in 2019, the fourth most among Power 5 schools (behind Arizona's 11,784, West Virginia's 11,131 and Oregon State's 10,436).

***Losing seasons don't happen often at USC (only 13 times in the modern era), but when they do the Trojans have a history of answering with a winning season the following year. For instance, the last 5 times Troy was coming off a losing season (1961-83-91-2000-18), it played in a bowl the following year, including winning a pair of Rose Bowls and a national championship.

***In a 2019 ESPN ranking of college football's 150 greatest teams, USC had 10 teams ranked: No. 2 (2004), 3 (1972), 30 (1979), 49 (1978), 52 (2005), 54 (2003), 56 (1962), 69 (1967), 70 (1974) and 82 (1932).

***USC's future non-conference schedule features Alabama in 2020 at Arlington, Tex., plus home games versus New Mexico (2020), BYU (2021, 2023), UC Davis (2021), Fresno State (2022, 2025), Rice (2022), Nevada (2023) and San Jose State (2024). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2026. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Texas, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, BYU, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, UNLV, Utah State, Western Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.

***USC's 2 conference "misses" in 2019 were Oregon State and Washington State.

***Seven Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: DL **Nick Figueroa** (Cal Poly), WR **Matthew Hocum** (Marquette), TB **Quincy Jountti** (Sacramento State), WR **Bru McCoy** (Texas), ILB **Clyde Moore** (Colorado), OT **Drew Richmond** (Tennessee) and CB **Chris Steele** (Florida).

***Five Trojans already earned their bachelor's degrees. Each wears a "Graduate" patch on their uniform jersey. OG **Jacob Daniel** received his bachelor's degree in political science from USC in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in communication management. OT **Drew Richmond** received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Tennessee in the spring of 20197 and is now working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship at USC. ILB **John Houston Jr.** received his bachelor's degree in sociology in the fall of 2018 and is working on another bachelor's degree in non-governmental organizations and social change. QB **Matt Fink** received his bachelor's degree in communication in the summer of 2019. ILB **Matt Bayle** received his bachelor's degree in communication in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in accounting.

***USC currently has 22 players who graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled in college that spring. QB **Matt Fink**, OT **Liam Jimmons**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** and S **C.J. Pollard** all enrolled in the spring of 2016. DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** and OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** all enrolled in the spring of 2017. C **Justin Dedich**, S **Talanoa Hufanga**, ILB **Kana'i Mauga**, ILB-S **Raymond Scott** and CB **Chase Williams** all enrolled in the spring of 2018. S **Briton Allen**, ILB **Ralen Goforth**, DL **Drake Jackson**, C-OG **Gino Quinones**, QB **Kedon Slovis**, DL **Stanley Ta'ufo'ou**, CB **Max Williams** and TE **Jude Wolfe** all enrolled in the spring of 2019. Two other early enrollees: WR **Bru McCoy** enrolled briefly at USC in the spring of 2019 before transferring to Texas (he returned to USC in the summer of 2019), while CB **Chris Steele** enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019 before transferring to USC in the summer of 2019. Since 1999, 62 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (2 graduated a full year early, including current QB **JT Daniels**).

***Who's the fastest among the 2019 Trojans? TB **Kenan Christon** has bests of 10.30 (10.26 wind-aided) in the 100 meters and 20.55 in the 200 meters. At the 2018 CIF San Diego Division 2 meet, he won the 100, was second in the 200 and third in the long jump, then was sixth in the 100 and 200 at the 2018 California state meet. He won 4 events at the 2019 CIF San Diego meet (100, 200, long jump, 400 relay), then was the California state meet champion in the 100 (in a state meet record-tying 10.30) and 200. He was named the 2019 Gatorade California Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year. WR-CB **Dominic Davis** has bests of 10.47 in the 100 meters (10.39 wind-aided) and 21.48 (21.27 wind-aided) in the 200 meters. He set a USC freshman indoor record in the 60 meters (6.78) at the 2016 MPSF Championships. He was fourth in the 100 (10.51) at the 2014 California high school state meet as a junior and third in the event as a 2015 senior (10.56). Davis has sprinted for USC's track team. S **Dorian Hewett** has a best of 10.51 (10.33 wind-aided) in the 100 meters. He was fifth in the 100 at the 2019 Texas 6A State Championship meet and ran legs on the 400- and 800-meter relay teams that placed third and fifth, respectively, in that meet.

***WR **Drake London** (basketball), WR **John Jackson III** (baseball) and TB **Kenan Christon** (track) might join USC teams in those sports once football season concludes.

***ILB **Grant Jones** was a lefthanded pitcher on USC's baseball team in the fall of 2016 and 2017 but did not continue with the team into the spring. WR **Scott Voigt** was on USC's club ice hockey team in 2018 and 2019.

***DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** was the Oregon state Class 5A 285-pound wrestling champion as a junior in high school.

***P **Michael Shahidi** won the 2016 AAU Under-16 boy's beach volleyball national championship, represented the U.S. at the 2017 ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball International Championship in Tahiti, and then won the 2018 AAU Under-18 boy's beach volleyball national championship to qualify for the 2019 ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball International Championship in Sicily (finishing ninth).

***WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** rides horses in his spare time and wants to get into tie-down roping after his football days. He also surf casts.

***WR **Tyler Vaughns** credits a ballet class he took in high school with helping him with his pass catching ability.

***PK **Alex Stadthaus** started kicking after winning a halftime fan field goal kicking contest as a high school sophomore (he nailed a 60-yarder).

***P **Ben Griffiths** played forward for 8 seasons (2010-17) for the Richmond Tigers, a professional Australian rules football team in the Australian Football League. He was the team's second round draft pick in 2009. He played in 63 games in his career, getting 42 goals. He retired in early 2018 because of injuries and concussions. He then trained to punt with Prokick Australia, an Australian-based kicking academy. He is the Trojans' second Australian punter, joining former P Chris Tilbey (2016 and 2018).

***DL **Brandon Pili** is USC's first football letterman from Alaska.

***ILB **Juliano Falaniko**, who attended Leone High in Pago Pago, American Samoa, is the first Trojan footballer who prepped in American Samoa since Travis Tofi (2003-06). ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** spent his youth in American Samoa.

***C **Brett Neilon** grew up in Japan, home of his mother, where he participated in baseball, basketball, soccer and the martial art of aikido.

***WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** is fluent in German (his mother, Miriam, is from Germany) and French (he lived in Paris as a fourth grader).

***DL **Christian Rector** was born in the British Virgin Islands.

***OT **Austin Jackson** was a bone marrow donor in July of 2019 for his younger sister, Autumn, who suffers from Diamond-Blackfin anemia, a rare blood disorder that leads to severe anemia.

***WR **John Jackson III's** father, John Jr., who was a 2-time (1988-89) Academic All-American wide receiver and outfielder at USC before playing in the NFL and minor leagues, is recovering well from a massive stroke suffered in early December of 2018. Jackson Jr., whose father (John) was USC's running backs coach when Charles White (1979) and Marcus Allen (1981) won Heisman Trophies, has been part of the Trojan radio broadcast since 2003 (sideline reporter, then analyst). He continued on the radio team in a limited role at home games this season while he recovered.

***Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** is such a huge WWE fan that he named his son (Herschel Hawk Harrell) in honor of WWE star Triple H. Harrell also presents a WWE-type championship belt weekly to a USC quarterback who wins that week's skills competition.

***ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu** cut his long hair in 2017 for the first time since the fifth grade as a show of support of cancer victims and survivors.

***DL **Christian Rector** interned with the non-profit Weingart Center's General Relief Opportunities For Work Program in the spring of 2019, helping recently-released prisoners write resumes and apply for jobs.

***While at Tennessee, OT **Drew Richmond** mentored middle school students at Emeral Academy in Knoxville.

***QB **Kedon Slovis'** quarterbacks coach at Desert Mountain High in Scottsdale (Ariz.) was NFL Hall of Famer Kurt Warner.

***CB **Olaijah Griffin's** father is rapper and hip-hop producer Warren G.

***OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** got married in March of 2018 (his wife's name is Samantha). PK **Michael Brown** was married in May of 2019 (his wife's name is Lauren).

***P **Ben Griffiths** is USC's oldest player (28, born Sept. 17, 1991), one of the oldest Trojan football players ever. WR **Drake London** is USC's youngest player (18, born July 24, 2001).

***Both of TE **Erik Krommenhoek's** parents attended USC's crosstown rival, UCLA. ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, was an All-American sprinter at UCLA.

***USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (ILB **John Houston Jr.**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, WR **Velus Jones Jr.**), a II (OG **Frank Martin II**), a III (WR **John Jackson III**) and a IV (ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV**).

***No USC football letterman in history has a longer non-hyphenated single word surname than the 12-letter last name of DL **Jacob Lichtenstein**. Four former lettermen also have 12-letter surnames: TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe (2016-17), WR Josh Imatorbhebhe (2017), TE Dean Lingenfelter (1973) and P Mike MacGillivray (1998-2001). Also on the Trojan roster is the 11-letter surnamed TE **Erik Krommenhoek**. Fortunately, USC does not put players' last names on its jersey backs.

***OLB **Abdul-Malik McClain** and WR **Munir McClain** are USC's only brothers. DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** and S **Talanoa Hufanga** are cousins, as are TB **Vavae Malepeai** and OT **Bernard Schrimer**.

***USC has 3 players with the same last name of Williams (CB **Chase**, CB **Jayden**, CB **Max**), 3 players named Jackson (OT **Austin**, DL **Drake** and WR **John III**) and 2 players named Johnson (SNP **Damon**, CB **Greg**) and Jones (ILB **Grant**, WR **Velus Jr.**), but none are related. However, there are no Trojans named Smith.

***S **C.J. Pollard's** real first name is Christopher, ILB **Jordan Iosefa's** is Loveni, SNP **Jac Casasante's** is John, WR **Bru McCoy's** is Horace and head coach **Clay Helton's** is Charles. QB **JT Daniels'** initials stand for Jonathan Tyler and OG-OT **AJ Mageo's** stand for Andrew James. WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown's** full name is Amon-Ra Julian Heru J. St. Brown (he was named after the Egyptian sun god Amon-Ra and sky god Heru), while ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliaupupu. ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** nickname is "Solo," ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** is "E.A.," OT **Bernard Schirmer's** is "Beeno" and S **Briton Allen's** is "Bam."

***OT **Clayton Bradley** changed his last name from Johnston in the summer of 2018 in honor of his stepfather.

***USC has 3 players who "blueshirted," which by a one-time NCAA rule allowed a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school had reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year. OT **Clayton Bradley** arrived in the fall of 2015, while PK **Michael Brown** joined in the fall of 2016 and OT **Jalen McKenzie** joined in the fall of 2017.

***In a 2019 ESPN ranking of the nation's best talent by position in the BCS/CFP era, USC ranked No. 1 in quarterbacks and wide receivers, fourth in linebackers, fifth in offensive linemen, seventh in defensive backs and ninth in defensive linemen.

***There are 5 former Texas high school quarterbacks on USC's coaching staff: head coach **Clay Helton** (Clements HS), offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** (Ennis HS), running backs coach **Mike Jinks** (Judson HS) and offensive quality control analysts **Seth Doege** (Crane HS, Frenship HS) and **John David Baker** (Lake View HS).

***Head coach **Clay Helton** played for his father, Kim, at Houston (1993-94). In 1993, Clay completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in the Cougars' 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.

***Former Dallas Cowboys head coach **Dave Campo** is serving as a consultant with the Trojans again in 2019 after doing so in 2018, while ex-USC ILB **Christian Herrera** (2016-17) is a defensive intern after serving as a Trojan student assistant coach in 2018.

***WR **Michael Pittman Jr.'s** father, Michael Pittman, played in Super Bowl XXXVII with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** uncle, Troy Polamalu, played in Super Bowls XLIII and XLV with the Pittsburgh Steelers, OT **Jalen McKenzie's** uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, played in Super Bowls XXII and XXVI with the Washington Redskins, ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa, won Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII with the Denver Broncos and consultant **Dave Campo** coached in Super Bowls XXVII, XXVIII and XXX.

DEPTH CHART
OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
WR	6	Michael Pittman Jr. (6-4, 220, Sr.)	@MikePitt_Jr • @michael_pittman_jr	Sociology
	27	Matthew Hocum (5-10, 175, Sr.*)	@MatthewHocum • @matthewhocum	Business Administration
WR	21	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 190, Jr.*)	@tswag03 • @tvaughns_21	Communication
	86	Chase Locke (6-4, 190, Fr.)	@chase_locke15 • @chase__locke	Health and Human Sciences
	14	#Bru McCoy (6-3, 210, Fr.)	@buhbuhbru • @brumccoy	–
	13	#Munir McClain (6-4, 210, Fr.)	@munirmcclain_6 • @munirmcclain	Sociology
WR	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, So.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
	1	Velus Jones Jr. (6-0, 190, Jr.*)	@VelusJr • @iam_vjj	Sociology
	81	Kyle Ford (6-2, 210, Fr.)	@Ford_Kyle6 • @ky1e_ford	Communication
	17	Zach Wilson (6-1, 205, Fr.*)	@ZachKetchum_ • @zachketchum_	Real Estate Development
WR	15	Drake London (6-5, 205, Fr.)	@DrakeLondon_ • @drakelondon_	Real Estate Development
	80	John Jackson III (6-2, 210, Fr.)	@johnjack3_ • @johnjack.3	Real Estate Development
	22	Jack Webster (6-0, 190, So.*)	@jweb9 • @j._.web	Real Estate Development
	41	Chris Caulk (6-3, 210, Jr.*)	– • @cc_fourtyone	Law, History and Culture
	36	Brad Aoki (5-9, 170, Fr.*)	– • –	–
TE	84	Erik Krommenhoek (6-5, 260, Jr.)	@ekromme11 • @erik_krommenhoek	Human Biology
	83	Josh Falo (6-6, 230, Jr.)	@Josh_falo • @thejoshfalo	Communication
	82	Jude Wolfe (6-5, 250, Fr.)	@judewolfe25 • @jude_wolfe	Real Estate Development
	85	Ethan Rae (6-5, 240, Fr.)	@Rae__Ethan • @ethan_rae	Business Administration
	46	Scott Voigt (6-3, 210, Jr.*)	@Scottyv33 • @scottyv33	–
	89	Sean Mahoney (6-5, 215, Fr.)	– • @_seanmahoney	–
LT	73	Austin Jackson (6-6, 310, Jr.)	@ChocoDro • @austindjackson	Political Science
	65	Frank Martin II (6-4, 300, Jr.*)	@IAMFMII • @iamfmii	Real Estate Development
	51	Bernard Schirmer (6-6, 290, Jr.*)	– • @ayebeeno	Sociology
LG	75	Alijah Vera-Tucker (6-4, 310, So.*)	@yung_lijh • @alijahveratucker	Communication
	52	Jacob Daniel (6-4, 310, Sr.*)	@559JDan • @manlikejdan	Political Science/Comm. Mgmt.
	64	AJ Mageo (6-5, 300, Fr.*)	@ajames224 • ajmageo	–
	63	Damian Lopez (6-6, 320, So.*)	– • –	–
C	62	Brett Neilon (6-2, 300, So.*) **OR**	@brettn110 • @brettn110	Business Administration
	57	Justin Dedich (6-2, 295, Fr.*)	@Justin_BigDaddy • @justin_bigdaddy	Human Biology
	66	Gino Quinones (6-3, 280, Fr.)	@quinones_gino • @eaaazy_g	–
RG	70	Jalen McKenzie (6-5, 300, So.*)	@pcBjaypeez_ • @jay_peez70	–
	71	Liam Jimmons (6-4, 305, Jr.*)	@LJblack98 • @liam_jimmons	Real Estate Development
	68	Liam Douglass (6-5, 290, Fr.*)	@Liamdouglass99 • @liam.douglass	Communication
	67	Mark Zuvich (6-3, 260, Fr.*)	@Mark_Zuvich • @markeyzuvich	Real Estate Development
	72	#Andrew Vorhees (6-6, 315, Jr.)	@Andrew_Vorhees • @andrew_vorhees	Business Administration
RT	53	Drew Richmond (6-5, 315, Sr.*)	@TheDream_75 • @drewanthony75	Psychology/Social Entrepreneurship
	77	Jason Rodriguez (6-6, 325, Fr.)	@Bamfod_75 • bamfrod32	–
	76	#Clayton Bradley (6-5, 295, Sr.*)	@ClaytonJ76 • @claytonbradley76	Communication
QB	9	Kedon Slovis (6-2, 200, Fr.)	@Kedonslovis • @kedonslovis	Business Administration
	19	Matt Fink (6-3, 200, Jr.*)	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19	Communication
	27	Brandon Perdue (6-4, 205, Jr.*)	@bdperdue • @bperdue18	Business Administration
	4	Trevor Scully (5-11, 170, Fr.*)	@trevorscully1 • @trevorscully	Business Administration
	18	#JT Daniels (6-3, 210, So.)	@ jtdaniels06 • @jtdaniels	Psychology
TB	29	Vavae Malepeai (6-0, 220, Jr.*) OR	@vavaeee • @vavaeee	Communication
	7	Stephen Carr (6-0, 210, Jr.) OR	@yt_deon • @yt_deon	Communication
	30	Markese Stepp (6-0, 235 Fr.*) OR	@markese_stepp • @markese_stepp	Communication
	23	Kenan Christon (5-10, 185, Fr.)	@KChriston_Jr • @kenan_christon	Business Administration
	27	Quincy Jountti (5-10, 210, Jr.*)	@QJountti • @quincyejountti	Psychology
	16	Dominic Davis (5-9, 195, Sr.*)	@dominicadjr • @domo_fast	Communication
	38	Chris Edmondson (5-9, 190, Jr.*)	@ChrisEdmondson_ • @christian.edmondson	Sociology
	37	#Ben Easington (5-10, 210, So.*)	– • @bennyeazy	History

Players connected with "**OR**" are considered equal
*Used redshirt year
#Entered game week with an injury or uncertain status
Players listed above underlined numbers are in primary playing rotation

DEPTH CHART
DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
DE	89	Christian Rector (6-4, 270, Sr.*)	@the_real_rector • @christian_rector	Political Economy and Non-Gov. Org.
	90	Connor Murphy (6-7, 260, Jr.*)	@CMurph_90 • @cmurphy_90	Communication
DT	78	Jay Tufele (6-3, 305, So.*)	@tufele123 • @jay_tufele	Sociology
	50	Nick Figueroa (6-5, 280, So.*)	@nickafigueroa1 • @nickafigueroa	Real Estate Development
	47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (6-3, 270, Fr.)	@TaufoouStanley • @stanley_taufoou	–
	97	#Jacob Lichtenstein (6-5, 280, So.*)	@BigLichh • @jake_lichtenstein	–
NT	51	Marlon Tuipulotu (6-3, 305, So.*)	@marlont_51 • @mtuipulotu51	Political Science
	91	Brandon Pili (6-4, 325, Jr.)	@BrandonPili • @brandonpili_91	–
	79	De'jon Benton (6-3, 285, Fr.)	@DejonBenton • @daepaayso	Communication
	95	Trevor Trout (6-4, 315, Fr.*)	@totaltroutmove • @totaltroutmove	Journalism
DE	99	Drake Jackson (6-4, 275, Fr.)	@The99Athlete • @the99athlete	Communication
	96	Caleb Tremblay (6-5, 270, Jr.*)	@ctremblay49 • @ctremblay5	Sociology
SLB	42	Adbul-Malik McClain (6-4, 240, Fr.*)	@malikmcclain8_ • @malik.mcclain	Communication
	41	Juliano Falaniko (6-4, 235, So.*)	@julianofalaniko • @julianofalaniko_	Communication
	48	Peter Esparza (6-1, 210, Fr.*)	– • –	–
	53	#Bryce Matthews (6-3, 225, So.*)	@Bjerkkid • @cincotrey	Social Sciences (Economics)
	31	#Hunter Echols (6-5, 240, So.*)	@hunter_tyb • @huntertyb	Communication
MLB	10	John Houston Jr. (6-3, 220, Sr.*)	@Official_John10 • @johnhouston10	Sociology/Non-Gov. Organizations
	34	Eli'jah Winston (6-3, 240, Fr.*)	@EWinston34 • @elijahwinston.34	Psychology
	19	Ralen Goforth (6-2, 225, Fr.)	@ralengoforth • @ralengoforth	Communication
	45	Maninoa Tufono (6-3, 235, Fr.)	@maninoa_tufono • @maninoatufono	Psychology
	52	Spencer Gilbert (6-0, 215, Fr.*)	@allhailgilbert • @spencergilbert.cc	Business Administration
	56	#Jordan Iosefa (6-2, 230, Sr.)	@ Jordanlosefa • @iosefa_4	Non-Governmental Organizations
	58	#Solomon Tuliaupupu (6-3, 230, Fr.*)	@nokeakua • @nokeakua	Business Administration
WLB	1	Palaie Gaoteote IV (6-2, 250, So.) OR	@PalaieGaoteote • @palaiegaoteote.cc	–
	26	Kana'i Mauga (6-2, 240, So.)	@kanai_mauga • @squash_26	–
	18	Raymond Scott (6-2, 225, So.)	@RayScott22_ • –	Communication
	49	Matt Bayle (6-0, 215, JS.*)	@realmattbayle • @matthewbayle3	Accounting
	46	Grant Jones (6-2, 225, Jr.*)	@GrantJones53 • @grant_jones_inc	Business Administration
	44	#Tuasivi Nomura (6-1, 210, Fr.)	@sivinomura • @_sivi_sivi_	Business Administration
	54	#Clyde Moore (6-0, 225, Fr.)	@clydemoore • @clydemooree	–
CB	2	Olaijah Griffin (6-0, 170, So.)	@OlaijahGriffin • @olaijah	Communication
	22	Dorian Hewett (6-0, 180, Fr.)	@thefuture124 • @hewettdorian	–
	14	Jayden Williams (6-1, 195, Fr.)	@OfficialxJayden • @jaydenwilliamss	Communication
	44	Jack Drake (5-10, 190, So.*)	– • –	–
FS	21	Isaiah Pola-Mao (6-4, 205, So.*)	@Isaiah_Pola_Mao • @isaiahpolamao	–
	28	C.J. Pollard (6-1, 195, Jr.*)	@CJPollard1 • @cjpollard28	Communication
	30	Jordan McMillan (5-11, 195, Fr.*)	@jordanmcmillan • @jordanmcmilllan.cc	International Relations Global Business
	27	Brandon Perdue (6-4, 205, Jr.*)	@bdperdue • @bperdue18	Business Administration
SS	15	Talanoa Hufanga (6-1, 220, So.)	@HufangaTalanoa • tongantiger15	Communication
	7	Chase Williams (6-2, 190, Fr.*)	@_ujdkchase • @wavy_c5	Business Administration
	25	Briton Allen (6-0, 185, Fr.)	@AllenBriton • @bamx25	Journalism
	31	Richard Hagestad (6-1, 200, Jr.*)	– • @bighag	Business Administration/Accounting
NK	9	Greg Johnson (5-11, 190, So.*)	@YKGthree • @ykg.three	Communication
	23	Kaulana Makaula (6-3, 190, Fr.)	@kaulana_makaula • kaulana_makaula23	Health and Human Sciences
	24	#Max Williams (5-9, 180, Fr.)	@maaaax_1 • @maaaax5	Real Estate Development
CB	6	Isaac Taylor-Stuart (6-2, 205, Fr.*) **OR**	@Kingathlete5 • @kingathlete	Communication
	8	Chris Steele (6-1, 190, Fr.)	@KinggChris7 • @csteele.8	Communication
	13	Adonis Otey (6-1, 180, Fr.)	@donisgotfans • @donisgotfans	Communication
	37	Justin Newell (6-0, 175, Jr.*)	– • –	–

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DEPTH CHART
SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
P	24	Ben Griffiths (6-5, 240, Fr.*)	@bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24	–
	36	Will Rose (6-1, 175, Fr.)	– • –	International Relations/Global Bus.
	47	Michael Shahidi (6-0, 180, Fr.)	– • –	–
PK	40	Chase McGrath (6-0, 190, So.*)--FG, PAT	@ChaseMcGrath • @chasemcgrath	–
	38	Alex Stadthaus (6-2, 200, So.)--KO	@astadthaus • @astadthaus	Geological Sciences
	49	Michael Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.*)--KO, FG, PAT	@michaelbrown15 • @michaelebrown49	Real Estate Development
	15	Thomas Fitts (6-1, 185, Sr.*)--FG, PAT	@thomasfitts12 • @thomasfitts	Business Administration
SNP	59	Damon Johnson (6-0, 205, Jr.*)	@damon_james24 • @damonjoh_	Sociology
	39	Jac Casasante (6-0, 215, Fr.*)	@casasante_jac • @casasante	Business Administration
HLD	24	Ben Griffiths (6-5, 240, Fr.*)	@bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24	–
	19	Matt Fink (6-3, 200, Jr.*)	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19	Communication

RETURNERS

KOR	1	Velus Jones Jr. (6-0, 190, Jr.*) **AND**	@VelusJr • @iam_vjj	Sociology
	7	Stephen Carr (6-0, 210, Jr.) **OR**	@yt_deon • @yt_deon	Communication
	23	Kenan Christon (5-10, 185, Fr.)	@KChriston_Jr • @kenan_christon	Business Administration
	13	Adonis Otey (6-1, 180, Fr.)	@donisgotfans • @donisgotfans	Communication
	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, So.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
PR	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, So.) **OR**	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
	21	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 190, Jr.*)	@tswag03 • @tvaughns_21	Communication

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PLAYERS

Briton ALLEN	BRIT-un
Brad AOKI	ah-OE-key
Matt BAYLE	BAIL
De'jon BENTON	DAY-zjahn
Stephen CARR	STEEV-un
Jac CASASANTE	JACK cass-uh-SOHN-tay
Chris CAULK	CAWLK
Kenan CHRISTON	KEY-nun KRIS-tun
Dominic DAVIS	DOM-in-ick
Justin DEDICH	DEED-itch
Liam DOUGLASS	LEE-um
Ben EASINGTON	EEZ-ing-tun
Hunter ECHOLS	ECK-olz
Chris EDMONDSON	ED-mun-sun
Peter ESPARZA	uh-SPAR-zuh
Juliano FALANIKO	jew-lee-AH-no fah-lah-NEE-coe
Josh FALO	FALL-oe
Nick FIGUEROA	fig-uh-ROE-uh
Palaie GAOTEOTE IV	pa-la-EE-ae nah-OE-tay-OE-tay
Ralen GOFORTH	RAY-lun GOE-forth
Olaijah GRIFFIN	uh-LIE-jhuh
Richard HAGESTAD	HAG-uh-stad
Dorian HEWITT	DOOR-ee-un YOU-it
Matthew HOCUM	HOE-come
Talanoa HUFANGA	tal-uh-NOE-uh who-FAWN-guh
Jordan IOSEFA	ee-oe-SEF-uh
Liam JIMMONS	LEE-um
Damon JOHNSON	DAY-mun
Quincy JOUNTTI	KWIN-see JON-tee
Erik KROMMENHOEK	krome-mun-HOKE
Jacob LICHTENSTEIN	LICK-tun-steen
AJ MAGEO	mun-YAY-oe
Sean MAHONEY	muh-HO-nee
Kaulana MAKAULA	cow-LAWN-uh muh-COW-luh
Vavae MALEPEAI	vah-VYE mah-lay-PAY-eye
Bryce MATTHEWS	BRICE
Kana'i MAUGA	kuh-NYE-ee MOW-guh
Abdul-Malik/Munir McCLAIN	ab-DOOL-muh-LEEK/moo-NEER muh-CLAYN
Bru McCOY	BREW
Chase McGRATH	muh-GRATH
Jalen McKENZIE	JAY-lin muh-KEN-zee
Brett NEILON	NEE-lawn
Tuasivi NOMURA	too-ah-SEE-vee no-MUR-uh
Adonis OTEY	uh-DON-is OE-tay
Brandon PERDUE	purr-DEW
Brandon PILI	PEE-lee
Isaiah POLA-MAO	eye-ZAY-uh POE-luh MOW (as in Cow)
C.J.POLLARD	PAUL-urd
Gino QUINONES	GEE-noe cue-NOE-nez
Ethan RAE	RAY
Christian RECTOR	RECK-tur
Jason RODRIGUEZ	rod-REE-guz
Bernard SCHIRMER	SHER-mur
Michael SHAHIDI	shaw-HEE-dee
Kedon SLOVIS	KEED-un SLOW-vis
Alex STADTHAUS	STAD-house
Amon-Ra ST. BROWN	AW-mun-raw SAYNT BROWN
Markese STEPP	mar-KEESE
Stanley TA'UFO'OU	tau-FOE-oh
Caleb TREMBLAY	KAY-lub TREM-blay
Jay TUFELE	too-FAY-lay
Maninoa TUFONO	man-ee-NO-uh too-FOE-no
Solomon TULIAUPUPU	SAUL-uh-mun too-lee-ow-POO-poo
Marlon TUIPULOTU	TOO-ee-poo-LOE-too
Tyler VAUGHNS	VONS
Alijah VERA-TUCKER	uh-LIE-jhuh VARE-uh TUK-ur
Scott VOIGT	VOYT
Andrew VORHEES	VORE-heez
Jayden WILLIAMS	JAY-din
Eli'jah WINSTON	uh-LIE-jhuh
Mark ZUVICH	ZOO-vitch

COACHES/STAFF

Brett ARCE	ARE-see
Aaron AUSMUS	OSS-muss
Keary COLBERT	CARE-ee
Joe DeFOREST	duh-FORE-ust
Seth DOEGE	DAY-ghee
Tim DREVNO	DREV-noe
Graham HARRELL	HAIR-ull
Clay HELTON	HELL-tun
Shawn HOWE	HOW
Chad KAUHA'AHA'A	cow-HA-ah-HA-ah
Steve MURILLO	mer-RILL-oe
Johnny NANSEN	NAN-sun
Clancy PENDERGAST	PEN-dur-gassed
Viane TALAMAIVAO	vee-ON-ee tal-uh-MY-vow
Lenny VANDERMADE	VAN-dur-maid

2019 USC FOOTBALL ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
36	AOKI, Brad	WR	5-9	170	4/24/00	Fr.*/So.	--	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
49	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0	215	2/27/97	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Marino, CA (St. Francis)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-3	285	2/21/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
76	BRADLEY, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Orange, CA (Servite)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	195	12/23/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	210	1/16/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Gardena, CA (Summit)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
41	CAULK, Chris	TE	6-3	210	10/27/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego, CA (Madison)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	310	4/7/97	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Fresno, CA (Clovis North)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	210	2/2/00	So./So.	1V	Irvine, CA (Mater Dei)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	WR-CB	5-9	195	12/8/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
57	DEDICH, Justin	C	6-2	295	4/21/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OG-OT	6-5	290	9/3/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
44	DRAKE, Jack	CB	5-10	190	10/28/98	So.*/Jr.	--	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	210	4/23/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	240	11/1/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	TB	5-9	190	3/5/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Cibolo, TX (Clemens)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	ILB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	ILB	6-4	235	3/27/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	230	8/10/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	280	8/1/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	200	12/13/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
15	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	185	9/24/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	210	1/20/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	215	1/9/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
19	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	225	11/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
2	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	170	3/10/99	So./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-5	240	9/17/91	Fr.*/So.	--	Melbourne, Australia
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	S	6-1	200	3/21/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Del Mar, CA (Bishop's School)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	S	6-0	180	6/13/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
27	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	175	12/30/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Carson, CA (Serra)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	220	2/1/00	So./So.	1V	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	230	9/20/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	310	8/11/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
99	JACKSON, Drake	DL	6-4	275	4/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-2	210	8/23/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OT	6-4	305	1/6/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	205	10/7/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	190	1/12/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
46	JONES, Grant	ILB	6-2	225	3/14/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
1	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	210	9/28/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	260	11/12/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	280	11/6/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-4	190	7/7/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	205	7/24/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OG-OT	6-6	320	9/23/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OG-OT	6-5	300	11/10/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-5	215	9/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
23	MAKAULA, Kaulana	S	6-3	190	12/18/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	OLB	6-3	225	4/30/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	240	1/8/00	So./So.	1V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	240	10/10/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
13	McCLAIN, Munir	WR	6-4	210	12/29/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
14	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	210	6/22/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)

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40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	So.*/Jr.	2V	Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	300	7/10/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	195	2/18/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
54	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	Fr./Fr.	TR	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	270	10/29/97	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	300	7/7/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
37	NEWELL, Justin	CB	6-0	175	10/6/96	Jr.*/Sr.	--	West Orange, NJ (West Orange/Union County CC)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	OLB	6-1	210	1/23/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	180	3/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
27	PERDUE, Brandon	S	6-4	205	9/4/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Simi Valley, CA (Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/ New Mexico Military Inst.)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	220	10/5/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	195	10/31/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
66	QUINONES, Gino	C-OG	6-3	280	4/5/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	240	7/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	270	4/22/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	South Pasadena, CA (Loyola)
53	RICHMOND, Drew	OT	6-5	315	1/2/96	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Memphis, TN (Memphis University/Tennessee)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OG-OT	6-6	325	3/9/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-1	175	4/30/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OT	6-6	290	12/18/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB-S	6-2	225	4/19/00	So./So.	1V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QB	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Jolla, CA (La Jolla)
47	SHAHIDI, Michael	P	6-0	180	3/3/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Westlake Village, CA (Westlake)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QB	6-2	200	4/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	200	12/13/99	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	So./So.	1V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	235	2/11/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	270	1/30/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Napa, CA (Vintage/American River CC)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	315	11/20/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	305	7/25/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
45	TUFONO, Maninoa	ILB	6-3	235	6/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Independence, OR (Central)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	230	3/20/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	190	6/1/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG	6-4	310	6/17/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd)
46	VOIGT, Scott	TE	6-3	210	1/7/98	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Darien, CT (Darien)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	315	1/21/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
22	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	190	8/20/98	So.*/Jr.	SQ	La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	CB	6-2	190	12/9/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Fr./Fr.	--	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
24	WILLIAMS, Max	CB	5-9	180	8/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson, CA (Serra)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
82	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	250	2/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	C	6-3	260	9/1/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)

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2019 USC FOOTBALL ROSTER - NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
1	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
2	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	170	3/10/99	So./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QB	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Jolla, CA (La Jolla)
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	220	10/5/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	210	1/16/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Gardena, CA (Summit)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	CB	6-2	195	12/9/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	So./So.	1V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	190	1/12/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QB	6-2	200	4/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Carson, CA (Serra)
13	McCLAIN, Munir	WR	6-4	210	12/29/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	180	3/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Fr./Fr.	--	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
14	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	210	6/22/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	220	2/1/00	So./So.	1V	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	205	7/24/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
15	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	185	9/24/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	WR-CB	5-9	195	12/8/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	210	2/2/00	So./So.	1V	Irvine, CA (Mater Dei)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB-S	6-2	225	4/19/00	So./So.	1V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	200	12/13/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
19	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	225	11/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	190	6/1/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	S	6-0	180	6/13/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
22	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	190	8/20/98	So.*/Jr.	SQ	La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego, CA (Madison)
23	MAKAULA, Kaulana	S	6-3	190	12/18/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
24	WILLIAMS, Max	CB	5-9	180	8/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson, CA (Serra)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-5	240	9/17/91	Fr.*/So.	--	Melbourne, Australia
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	240	1/8/00	So./So.	1V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	210	9/28/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
27	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	175	12/30/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
27	PERDUE, Brandon	S	6-4	205	9/4/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Simi Valley, CA (Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/ New Mexico Military Inst.)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	195	10/31/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	235	2/11/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	195	2/18/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	240	11/1/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	S	6-1	200	3/21/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Del Mar, CA (Bishop's School)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
36	AOKI, Brad	WR	5-9	170	4/24/00	Fr.*/So.	--	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-1	175	4/30/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	210	4/23/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
37	NEWELL, Justin	CB	6-0	175	10/6/96	Jr.*/Sr.	--	West Orange, NJ (West Orange/Union County CC)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	200	12/13/99	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	TB	5-9	190	3/5/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Cibolo, TX (Clemens)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	So.*/Jr.	2V	Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	ILB	6-4	235	3/27/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
41	CAULK, Chris	TE	6-3	210	10/27/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	240	10/10/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	OLB	6-1	210	1/23/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
44	DRAKE, Jack	CB	5-10	190	10/28/98	So.*/Jr.	--	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
45	TUFONO, Maninoa	ILB	6-3	235	6/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
46	JONES, Grant	ILB	6-2	225	3/14/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)

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46	VOIGT, Scott	TE	6-3	210	1/7/98	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Darien, CT (Darien)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	270	1/30/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
47	SHAHIDI, Michael	P	6-0	180	3/3/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Westlake Village, CA (Westlake)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	ILB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	195	12/23/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian)
49	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0	215	2/27/97	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Marino, CA (St. Francis)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	280	8/1/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Independence, OR (Central)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OT	6-6	290	12/18/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	310	4/7/97	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Fresno, CA (Clovis North)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	215	1/9/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
53	RICHMOND, Drew	OT	6-5	315	1/2/96	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Memphis, TN (Memphis University/Tennessee)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	OLB	6-3	225	4/30/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery)
54	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	Fr./Fr.	TR	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	230	9/20/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
57	DEDICH, Justin	C	6-2	295	4/21/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	230	3/20/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	205	10/7/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	300	7/7/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OG-OT	6-6	320	9/23/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OG-OT	6-5	300	11/10/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
66	QUINONES, Gino	C-OG	6-3	280	4/5/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	C	6-3	260	9/1/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OG-OT	6-5	300	9/3/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	310	7/10/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OT	6-4	305	1/6/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	315	1/21/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	310	8/11/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG	6-4	310	6/17/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd)
76	BRADLEY, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Orange, CA (Servite)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OG-OT	6-6	325	3/9/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	305	7/25/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-3	285	2/21/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-2	210	8/23/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	210	1/20/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
82	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	250	2/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	230	8/10/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	260	11/12/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	240	7/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-4	190	7/7/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	270	4/22/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	South Pasadena, CA (Loyola)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-5	215	9/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	270	10/29/97	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	315	11/20/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Napa, CA (Vintage/American River CC)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	280	11/6/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
99	JACKSON, Drake	DL	6-4	275	4/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)

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(Pre-2019 biographical information is available in the 2019 USC football media guide or online at USCTrojans.com.)

(25) BRITON ALLEN
Safety, 6-0, 185, Fr./Fr.
Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)

2019: Allen, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, was a backup safety and played on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 10 games (all but Notre Dame and Arizona State), he made 5 tackles (1 each against Fresno State, Stanford, Oregon, California and UCLA).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH BRITON ALLEN

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	0	0

(36) BRAD AOKI
Wide Receiver, 5-9, 170, Fr.*/So.
Honolulu, HI (Punahou School)

2019: Aoki did not see action as a reserve wide receiver as a redshirt freshman walk-on in 2019. He did not play football at USC in 2018, but participated in a portion of 2019 spring practice.

(49) MATT BAYLE
Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 215, Sr.*/Sr.
San Marino, CA (St. Francis HS)

2019: Bayle did not see action as a backup inside linebacker as a walk-on senior in 2019. He was named **USC's Co-Defensive Service Team Player of the Year**.

(79) DE'JON BENTON
Defensive Line, 6-3, 285, Fr./Fr.
Oakland, CA (Pittsburg HS)

2019: Benton was a backup defensive lineman as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall while appearing in 3 games in 2019 (Arizona, Oregon, Arizona State), he made 2 tackles (1 each against Arizona and Oregon). He missed 3 games with an ankle injury (Stanford, BYU, Utah). He was able to redshirt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DE'JON BENTON

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

(76) CLAYTON BRADLEY
Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 295, Sr.*/Sr.
Orange, CA (Servite HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 17 games in his career, with 3 starts.

2019: Bradley did not see action as a senior offensive tackle in 2019 after while recuperating from a thumb injury suffered in 2019 fall camp. He was slowed in 2019 spring drills while recuperating from a 2018 back injury.

(49) MICHAEL BROWN
Placekicker, 6-1, 195, Jr.*/Sr.
Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian HS)

CAREER: He has made 7-of-9 field goals and all 32 of his extra point kick tries in his career. He also has kicked off 28 times, with 11 touchbacks (with 2 pinning opponents within the 20) and 3 unsuccessful onside kicks, and he has a a tackle and rush for minus 2 yards on a fake field goal. He has appeared in 16 games in his career.

2019: Brown served as a backup placekicker as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 5 games (BYU, Utah, Washington, Arizona State, California), he kicked off 16 times, with 8 touchbacks, and he had a tackle. He had touchbacks on all 4 of his kickoffs at BYU and on 4 of his 5 kickoffs against Utah. He kicked off twice at Washington and had a tackles. He had 4 kickoffs at Arizona State and kicked off once at California.

	FGA	FGM	LG	PAT ATT	PAT	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (So.)...	9	7	46	32	32	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Jr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MICHAEL BROWN

2019

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
BYU	4	0 (4)
Utah*	5	0 (4)
Washington	2	0 (0)
Arizona St.	4	0 (0)
California	1	0 (0)
2019 (Jr.)...	16	0 (8)

*Starter

(7) STEPHEN CARR
Tailback, 6-0, 210, Jr./Jr.
Gardena, CA (Summitt HS)

CAREER: In his career, Carr has run for 1,129 yards on 213 carries (5.3 avg) with 9 TDs, caught 44 passes for 351 yards (8.0 avg) with 1 TD, returned 15 kickoffs for 321 yards (21.4 avg) and made 1 tackle. He has appeared in 28 games in his career, starting 3 times.

2019: Carr was a vital part of the tailback rotation as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 9 games (all but Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State) and starting once (Arizona), he ran for 372 yards on 67 carries (5.6 avg) with 4 TDs, caught 19 passes for 137 yards (7.2 avg) with 1 TD and returned 6 kickoffs for 106 yards (17.7 avg). He strained his left hamstring against Arizona and missed the next 3 games (Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State).

He had 56 rushing yards on 6 carries (9.3 average) with a 14-yard TD against Fresno State, 33 yards on 6 carries with a 25-yard TD and he also had a 3-yard reception against Stanford, then added 22 yards on 9 rushes, had 3 catches for 29 yards and returned 3 kickoffs for 46 yards at BYU. He had 3 carries for minus 16 yards, caught 2 passes for 7 yards and had a 33-yard kickoff return against Utah, then ran for 94 yards on 7 carries (with a 60-yard run) and had a catch for no yards at Washington. He 44 yards on 9 carries, caught 2 passes for 21 yards and had a 20-yard kickoff return at Notre Dame, then had 33 yards on 7 carries along with an 11-yard reception against Arizona before leaving with a strained hamstring. After missing 3 games with the injury, he had 19 yards on 9 carries with a 2-yard TD along with 2 receptions for 2 yards at Calfiornia, then had a game-high 87 yards on 11 carries with a 2-yard TD and also had a 21-yard reception against UCLA.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2017 (Fr.)...	65	373	5.6	3	52	17	188	11.1	0	29
2018 (So.)...	81	384	4.7	2	50	8	26	3.2	0	9
2019 (Jr.)...	67	372	5.6	4	60	19	137	7.2	1	21
CAREER.....	213	1129	5.3	9	60	44	351	8.0	1	29

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	3	64	21.3	0	38	1	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	6	151	25.2	0	73	0	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	6	106	17.7	0	33	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	15	321	21.4	0	73	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH STEPHEN CARR

2019

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	6	56	9.3	1	27	6	43	7.2	1	10
Stanford	6	33	5.5	1	25	1	3	3.0	0	3
BYU	9	22	2.4	0	7	3	29	9.7	0	15
Utah	3	-16	-5.3	0	3	2	7	3.5	0	4
Washington	7	94	13.4	0	60	1	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	9	44	4.9	0	14	2	21	10.5	0	15
Arizona*	7	33	4.7	0	16	1	11	11.0	0	11
California	9	19	2.1	1	12	2	2	1.0	0	3
UCLA	11	87	7.9	1	46	1	21	21.0	0	21
2019 (Jr.)...	67	372	5.6	4	60	19	137	7.2	1	21

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	1	7	7.0	0	7
BYU	3	46	15.3	0	19
Utah	1	33	33.0	0	33
Notre Dame	1	20	20.0	0	20
2019 (Jr.)...	6	106	17.7	0	33

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(39) JAC CASASANTE
Snapper, 6-0, 215, Fr.*/So.
Altadena, CA (Loyola HS)

2019: Casasante did not see action as a backup long snapper as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019.

(41) CHRIS CAULK
Wide Receiver, 6-3, 210, Jr.*/Sr.
San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic HS/San Diego Mesa JC)

2019: Caulk did not see action as a backup wide receiver as a walk-on junior in 2019.

(23) KENAN CHRISTON
Tailback, 5-10, 185, Fr./Fr.
San Diego, CA (Madison HS)

2019: The speedy Christon, the fastest Trojan, began his 2019 first-year freshman season as USC's No. 5 tailback, but by mid-season he played a prominent role. Overall in 2019 while appearing in the last 6 games of the season (and starting the last 3), he ran for 373 yards on 68 carries (5.5 avg) with 2 TDs, caught 9 passes for 113 yards (12.6 avg) with 3 TDs and had a 20-yard kickoff return.

In his first action at USC, he came off the bench in the middle of the third quarter against Arizona when Stephen Carr and Markese Stepp left with injuries (Vavae Malepeai was didn't suit up due to injury) and he ran for a game-best 103 yards on 8 carries with a pair of TDs (55 and 30 yards) where he used his sprinter's speed to run away from defenders. With Malepeai, Carr and Stepp all sidelined by injury at Colorado, he ran for a game-best 76 yards on 14 carries and caught 2 passes for 1 yard, including a 3-yard TD catch. He had a game-best 79 yards on 15 carries and also had a 5-yard reception against Oregon. He got his first career start at Arizona State and responded with 144 all-purpose yards, getting 62 yards on 20 carries and 82 yards on 4 catches with 2 TDs (8 and 58 yards, dragging defenders the last 20 yards on his second TD) to earn **Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week** honors (his 82 receiving yards were the most in a game by a USC freshman tailback since Reggie Bush's 132 yards versus Washington in 2003 and the most by a Trojan tailback since Javorius Allen's 86 yards against Airzona State in 2014). He ran for 44 yards on 9 carries and had an 11-yard reception at California. He had 9 yards on 2 rushes, caught a 14-yard pass and had a 20-yard kickoff return against UCLA.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	68	373	5.5	2	55	9	113	12.6	3	58

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	1	20	20.0	0	20

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KENAN CHRISTON

2019

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Arizona	8	103	12.9	2	55	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	14	76	5.4	0	24	2	1	0.5	1	3
Oregon	15	79	5.3	0	16	1	5	5.0	0	5
Arizona St.*	20	62	3.1	0	11	4	82	20.5	2	58
California*	9	44	4.9	0	23	1	11	11.0	0	11
UCLA*	2	9	4.5	0	6	1	14	14.0	0	14
2019 (Fr.)...	68	373	5.5	2	55	9	113	12.6	3	58

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
UCLA*	1	20	20.0	0	20
2019 (Fr.)...	1	20	20.0	0	20

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(52) JACOB DANIEL
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 310, Sr.*/Sr.
Fresno, CA (Clovis North HS)

CAREER: He has 9 tackles and a deflection in his career while appearing in 17 games.

2019: Daniel saw brief action in 5 games (Stanford, Arizona, Colorado, California, UCLA) as a backup offensive guard and on special teams as a senior in 2019. He won **USC's Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	1	0
2016 (So.)...	6	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	9	0/0	1	0

(18) JT DANIELS
Quarterback, 6-3, 210, So./So.
Irvine, CA (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: He has completed 241-of-397 passes (60.7%) for 2,887 yards and 15 TDs with 11 interceptions while starting all 12 games in which he has appeared in his career. His 241 completions is tied for 17th on USC's career passing chart.

2019: Daniels returned as a sophomore in 2019 as USC's starting quarterback, but he suffered a season-ending knee injury late in the first half in the Fresno State opener. He was 25-of-34 (73.5%) for 215 yards with a TD and interception against Fresno State (he was a blazing 15-of-17 for 114 yards and the TD in the first quarter) before the injury. He was able to redshirt.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	363	216	10	.595	2672	14	65	45	-149	-3.3	0	8
2019 (So.)...	34	25	1	.735	215	1	28	3	-6	-2.0	0	5
CAREER.....	397	241	11	.607	2887	15	65	48	-155	-3.2	0	8

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JT DANIELS

2019

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno State*	34	25	1	.735	215	1	28	3	-6	-2.0	0	5
2019 (So.)...	34	25	1	.735	215	1	28	3	-6	-2.0	0	5

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(16) DOMINIC DAVIS
Tailback-Wide Receiver-Cornerback, 5-9, 195, Sr.*/Sr.
Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 216 yards on 39 carries (5.5 avg), 11 receptions for 121 yards (11.0 avg), a 2-yard kickoff return and a tackle. He has appeared in 38 games in his career.

2019: The fleet Davis was a reserve tailback, wide receiver and cornerback and played on special teams as a senior in 2019. He was moved from cornerback to wide receiver in 2019 fall camp, then switched to tailback (the position he played when he originally came to USC) when injuries hit the corps in midseason. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 9 games (all but Arizona State, California and UCLA), he had 2 carries for 15 yards (7.5 avg). The carries and yards came against Oregon, but he suffered a concussion in that game and missed the next 3 contests.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	14	69	4.9	0	19	7	102	14.6	0	35
2016 (So.)...	23	132	5.7	0	85	4	19	4.8	0	8
2019 (Sr.)...	2	15	7.5	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	39	216	5.5	0	85	11	121	11.0	0	35

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	1	2	2.0	0	2	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DOMINIC DAVIS

2019

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	
Oregon	2	15	7.5	0	11
2019 (Sr.)...	2	15	7.5	0	11

(57) JUSTIN DEDICH
Center, 6-2, 295, Fr.*/So.
Temecula, CA (Chaparral HS)

CAREER: Dedich has appeared in 8 games in his career, starting twice.

2019: Dedich was a backup center as a redshirt freshman in 2019 until moving into the starting role for the last 2 games (California and UCLA) when Brett Neilon was injured. Overall in 2019, he appeared in 7 games.

(68) LIAM DOUGLASS
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 300, Fr.*/So.
Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake HS)

2019: Douglass, who was able to play offensive guard and tackle, saw action as a backup in 3 games (Arizona, California, UCLA) as a redshirt freshman in 2019.

(44) JACK DRAKE
Cornerback, 5-10, 190, So.*/Jr.
Danville, CA (De La Salle HS)

2019: Drake did not see action a reserve cornerback as a redshirt sophomore walk-on in 2019. He participated in a portion of 2019 spring practice. He did not play football at USC in 2017 or 2018.

(37) BEN EASINGTON
Tailback, 5-10, 210, So.*/Jr.
Evanston, IL (Evanston HS)

2019: Easington did not season action as a reserve tailback as a walk-on sophomore in 2019. He suffered a torn ligament in his left knee in 2019 fall camp and had surgery, sidelining him for the season. He was limited in 2019 spring drills while recuperating from a 2018 shoulder injury.

(31) HUNTER ECHOLS
Outside Linebacker, 6-5, 240, So.*/Jr.
Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 15 tackles (with 1.5 sacks), a deflection and a fumble recovery. He has appeared in 20 games in his career, starting 2.

2019: Echols saw significant action at outside linebacker as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 9 games (all but Arizona State, California, UCLA) and starting twice (Arizona and Colorado), he had 9 tackles, including 1.5 sacks for minus 10 yards, a fumble recovery and a deflection. He had season-ending shoulder surgery that sidelined him for the final 3 games.

He had 2 tackles and recovered a fumble against Fresno State, 2 tackles (0.5 sack) against Stanford, 2 tackles (with a sack) at BYU, 3 tackles against Utah and a deflection against Arizona.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	9	1.5/10	1	1
CAREER.....	15	1.5/10	1	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH HUNTER ECHOLS

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno State	2	0/0	0	1
Stanford	2	0.5/4	0	0
BYU	2	1/6	0	0
Utah	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	0	0.0	1	0
2019 (So.)...	9	1.5/10	1	1

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(38) CHRIS EDMONDSON
Tailback, 5-9, 190, Jr.*/Sr.
Cibolo, TX (Clemens HS)

2019: Edmondson did not see action as a backup tailback as a walk-on junior in 2019.

(48) PETER ESPARZA
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 210, Fr.*/So.
West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic HS)

2019: Esparza did not see action as a backup inside linebacker as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019. He was moved from outside linebacker in 2019 spring drills.

(41) JULIANO FALANIKO
Inside Linebacker, 6-4, 235, So.*/Jr.
Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone HS)

CAREER: He has made 19 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), in his career while appearing in 26 games.

2019: Falaniko saw action as a backup outside and inside linebacker and on special teams as a sophomore in 2019. Overall while appearing in 10 games in 2019 (all but Colorado and Oregon), he had 12 tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 3 yards (with 0.5 sack for 1 yard), and he recovered a fumble. He was moved from outside linebacker in 2019 spring practice.

He had a fumble recovery against Fresno State, 2 tackles against Stanford and Utah, 3 tackles (0.5 sack) against Arizona, 2 tackles at Arizona State, 1 tackle at California and 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	12	1.5/3	0	1
CAREER.....	19	1.5/3	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JULIANO FALANIKO

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	0	0/0	0	1
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0
Utah	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona	3	0.5/1	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	2	1/2	0	0
2019 (So.)...	12	1.5/3	0	1

(83) JOSH FALO
Tight End, 6-6, 230, Jr./Jr.
Sacramento, CA (Inderkum HS)

CAREER: He has 18 catches for 246 yards (13.7 avg) with 3 TDs and also has made 2 tackles in his career. He has appeared in 32 games in his career, starting 5 times.

2019: Falo saw key action at tight end and on special teams as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 10 games (all but Notre Dame and Arizona) and starting twice (BYU, California), he had 4 receptions for 23 yards (5.8 avg) with 1 TD and he made a tackle. He sprained an ankle at Washington and missed the next 2 games (Notre Dame, Arizona).

He had a 12-yard catch and a tackle against Utah, a 6-yard reception at Washington and 2 catches for 5 yards at California, with a 5-yard TD.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	4	65	16.2	2	30	1	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	10	158	15.8	0	37	0	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	4	23	5.8	1	12	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	18	246	13.7	3	37	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOSH FALO

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Utah	1	12	12.0	0	12	1	0/0	0	0
Washington	1	6	6.0	0	6	0	0/0	0	0
California*	2	5	5.0	1	5	0	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	4	23	5.8	1	12	1	0/0	0	0

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(50) NICK FIGUEROA
Defensive Line, 6-5, 280, So.*/Jr.
San Bernardino, CA (Cajon HS/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)

2019: Figueroa, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after transferring from a junior college, was a key contributor as a backup defensive lineman as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 10 tackles, including a sack for minus 4 yards, plus a fumble recovery and a deflection.

He had a tackle against Fresno State, Stanford, Utah and Notre Dame, a sack and deflection versus Arizona, 2 tackles against Colorado and Oregon and a fumble recovery at Arizona State.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (So.)...	10	1/4	1	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH NICK FIGUEROA

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno State	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	1/4	1	0
Colorado	2	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	0	0/0	0	1
2019 (So.)...	10	1/4	1	1

(19) MATT FINK
Quarterback, 6-3, 200, Jr.*/Sr.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora HS)

CAREER: He has completed 59-of-88 passes (67.0%) for 663 yards with 5 TD and and 4 interceptions and has run for 110 yards on 24 carries (4.6 avg) with 2 TD in his career. He has appeared in 14 games in his career, with 1 start.

2019: Fink, equally effective as a passer and runner, played a significant role as USC's backup quarterback as a junior in 2019. Overall while appearing in 7 games (Stanford, Utah, Washington, Arizona, Arizona State, California, UCLA) and starting once (Washington), he completed 46-of-70 passes (65.7%) for 574 yards with 4 TDs and 4 interceptions and he also ran for 4 yards on 10 carries (0.4 avg) with 1 TD. He won **USC's Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award**.

He played the final series against Stanford, but did not throw a pass. He stepped in when Kedon Slovis was injured on the second play of the Utah game and he was outstanding, going 21-of-30 for 351 yards with 3 TDs (29, 31 and 77 yards) and 1 interception, all career highs, to earn **Manning Award Star of the Week and Davey O'Brien Award Great 8** honors. He started at Washington and hit 19-of-32 passes for 163 yards, with a 44-yard TD, but threw 3 interceptions (2 at the goal line), and he also ran for 7 yards on 6 carries, with a 3-yard TD. He played the last 2 series against Arizona and was 2-of-2 for 15 yards. He came in for a cramping Slovis for 2 series in the second half at Arizona State and was 4-of-6 for 45 yards (directing the Trojans to a field goal). He came in for the final 2 series at California and ran for 3 yards on 2 tries. He played a few plays in the third quarter against UCLA while Slovis recovered from a hit, but did not throw a pass.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2017 (Fr.)...	9	6	0	.667	43	0	16	7	82	11.7	1	51
2018 (So.)...	9	7	0	.778	46	1	16	7	24	3.4	0	8
2019 (Jr.)...	70	46	4	.657	574	4	77	10	4	0.4	1	8
CAREER.....	88	59	4	.670	663	5	77	24	110	4.6	2	51

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MATT FINK

2019

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah	30	21	1	.700	351	3	77	2	-6	-3.0	0	1
Washington*	32	19	3	.594	163	1	44	6	7	1.2	1	8
Arizona	2	2	0	1.000	15	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	6	4	0	.667	45	0	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	3	1.5	0	2
2019 (Jr.)...	70	46	4	.657	574	4	77	10	4	0.4	1	8

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(15) THOMAS FITTS
Placekicker, 6-1, 185, Sr.*/Sr.
Dallas, TX (Espiscopal School of Dallas)

2019: Fitts, a one-time quarterback at USC, did not see action as a backup placekicker as a walk-on senior in 2019.

(81) KYLE FORD
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 210, Fr./Fr.
Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran HS)

2019: Ford, who was slowed for the first part of the 2019 season while recovering from a high school knee injury (he did not suit up for the Fresno State, Stanford and YU games), saw action in 3 late-season games (Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State) as a first-year freshman wide receiver and was able to redshirt. Overall in 2019, he had a 20-yard TD catch (against Oregon).

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	1	20	20.0	1	20

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KYLE FORD

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Oregon	1	20	20.0	1	20
2019 (Fr.)...	1	20	20.0	1	20

(1) PALAIE GAOTEOTE IV
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 250, So./So.
Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman HS)

CAREER: He has 88 tackles, including 6.5 for losses for 20 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 11 yards), in career. He has appeared in 17 games, with 11 starts, in his career.

2019: Gaoteote started the first half of 2019 at inside linebacker as a sophomore before being slowed by injury. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 7 games (Fresno State, Stanford, BYU, Utah, Washington, Notre Dame, Oregon) and starting the first 6, he had 50 tackles, including 2 for loses of 3 yards. He sprained his ankle at Notre Dame and missed the next 2 games (Arizona, Colorado), then reinjured his ankle against Oregon and missed the next 3 games (Arizona State, California, UCLA).

He had 6 tackles against Fresno State, 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) against Stanford, 9 tackles (1.5 for losses) at BYU, a game-high and career-best 14 tackles against Utah, 9 tackles at Washington, 6 tackles at Notre Dame and 3 tackles against Oregon.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	38	4.5/17	0	0
2019 (So.)...	50	2/3	0	0
CAREER.....	88	6.5/20	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH PALAIE GAOTEOTE

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	6	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	3	0.5/1	0	0
BYU*	9	1.5/2	0	0
Utah*	14	0/0	0	0
Washington*	9	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	0/0	0	0
Oregon	3	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	50	2/3	0	0

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(52) SPENCER GILBERT
Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 215, Fr.*/So.
Madison, AL (St. John Bosco HS)

2019: Gilbert was a backup inside linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 2 games (Arizona, California), he had 1 tackle (against Arizona).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SPENCER GILBERT

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(19) RALEN GOFORTH
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 225, Fr./Fr.
Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

2019: Goforth, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action at inside linebacker and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Notre Dame), he had 6 tackles. He had 1 tackles against Stanford and BYU, 3 against Arizona and 1 at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RALEN GOFORTH

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
BYU	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	3	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(2) OLAIJAH GRIFFIN
Cornerback, 6-0, 170, So./So.
Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo HS)

CAREER: He has 42 tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 4 yards, and 10 deflections in his career. He has appeared in 18 games, with 9 starts, in his career.

2019: Griffin started most of 2019 at cornerback as a sophomore. He was limited in 2019 spring practice while recuperating from 2018 shoulder surgery. Overall while appearing in 10 games (all but Washington and Arizona) and starting 9 times (all but Washington, Arizona and California), he had 34 tackles, including 0.5 for a loss of 1 yards, plus a team-best 9 deflections. He injured his back against Utah and missed the Washington game, then reinjured it at Notre Dame and missed the Arizona game. He made **2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**.

He had 5 tackles and a deflection against Fresno State, 4 tackles and 4 deflections against Stanford, 4 tackles at BYU and 4 tackles and a deflection against Utah. He had 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Notre Dame. He had 5 tackles with a deflection at Colorado, a tackle against Oregon, 5 tackles and 2 deflections at Arizona State, a tackle at California and 2 tackles against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	8	1/3	1	0
2019 (So.)...	34	0.5/1	9	0
CAREER.....	42	1.5/4	10	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH OLAIJAH GRIFFIN

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	5	0/0	1	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	4	0
BYU*	4	0/0	0	0
Utah*	4	0/0	1	0
Notre Dame*	3	0.5/1	0	0
Colorado*	5	0/0	1	0
Oregon*	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	0/0	2	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	2	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	34	0.5/1	9	0

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(24) BEN GRIFFITHS
Punter, 6-5, 240, Fr.*/So.
Melbourne, Australia

2019: Griffiths, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after a career playing professional Australian rules football, was impressive as the starting punter job as a redshirt freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games, he averaged 41.4 yards on 48 punts. Of his 48 punts, 21 pinned foes within the 20, 8 traveled at least 50 yards and only 3 were touchbacks. He made the **2019 AP All-Pac-12 second team**.

He averaged 37.0 yards on his 3 punts against Fresno State in the first American football game at any level he has played. He averaged 42.0 yards on his 2 punts (with a 51-yarder) against Stanford. He averaged 38.5 yards on his 4 punts (with 3 pinning the Cougars within the 20) at BYU. He averaged 42.2 yards on his 4 punts, including a 50-yarder (with 2 pinning the Utes within the 20), against Utah to earn **Ray Guy Award Ray's 8** honors. He averaged 41.0 yards on 6 punts, with a 54-yarder and 4 that pinned the Huskies within the 20, at Washington. He averaged 42.2 yards on his 5 punts (with a 50-yarder and 1 pinning the Irish within the 20) at Notre Dame. He averaged 44.3 yards on his 6 punts (with 3 pinning the Wildcats within the 20) and he had a pair of 50-yarders against Arizona. He averaged 46.0 yards on 4 punts, with 1 pinning the Buffaloes within the 20, at Colorado to earn **Ray Guy Award Ray's 8** honors. He averaged 36.3 yards on his 3 punts against Oregon and all 3 pinned the Ducks within the 20. He averaged 36.2 yards on his 5 punts and he put 3 within the 20 (all from the 10-yard line, including 1 at the 1-yard line) at Arizona State. He averaged 50.3 yards on his 3 punts (with a pair of 50-yarders, including 1 midway through the fourth quarter that pinned the Bears at the 2-yard line) at California. He averaged 40.7 yards on his 3 punts against UCLA.

	P	YDS	AVG	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	48	1988	41.4	55

GAME-BY-GAME WITH BEN GRIFFITHS

2019

	P	YDS	AVG	LG	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
Fresno St.*	3	111	37.0	38	0 (0)	0
Stanford*	2	84	42.0	51	0 (0)	1
BYU*	4	154	38.5	47	3 (0)	0
Utah*	4	169	42.2	50	2 (0)	1
Washington*	6	246	41.0	54	4 (0)	1
Notre Dame*	5	211	42.2	50	1 (3)	1
Arizona*	6	266	44.3	55	3 (0)	2
Colorado*	4	184	46.0	49	1 (0)	0
Oregon*	3	109	36.3	43	3 (0)	0
Arizona St.*	5	181	36.2	46	3 (0)	0
California*	3	151	50.3	54	1 (0)	2
UCLA*	3	122	40.7	42	0 (0)	0
2019 (Fr.)...	48	1988	41.4	55	21 (0)	8

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(31) RICHARD HAGESTAD
Safety, 6-1, 200, Jr.*/Sr.
Del Mar, CA (Bishop's School)

2019: Hagestad saw action in 1 game (California) as a backup safety as a walk-on junior in 2019, but did not make a tackle.

(22) DORIAN HEWETT
Cornerback-Safety, 6-0, 180, Fr./Fr.
Houston, TX (North Shore Senior HS)

2019: Hewett saw key action as a first-year freshman cornerback and safety in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 9 games (all but BYU, Washington, Notre Dame) and starting once (Arizona, at cornerback), he had 9 tackles and a deflection. He had a tackle against Arizona, 4 tackles at Colorado, a tackle and deflection at Arizona State and 3 tackles at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DORIAN HEWETT

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona*	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	4	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	1	0
California	3	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	1	0

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(27) MATTHEW HOCUM
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 175, Sr.*/Sr.
Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha HS/Marquette)

2019: Hocum did not see actiton as a backup wide receiver as a walk-on senior in 2019.

(10) JOHN HOUSTON JR.
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 220
Sr.*/Sr., Carson, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: Houston has 267 tackles, including 12.5 for losses (with 5 sacks), plus 12 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and an interception in his career. He has appeared in 49 games in his career, with 35 starts.

2019: Houston started for his for his third season at inside linebacker as a senior in 2019. Iverall in 2019 while starting all 12 games, he had a team-high 100 tackles, including 6.5 for losses of 13 yards (with 2.5 sacks for minus 8 yards), plus 1 fumble recovery and 3 deflections. He was USC's leading tackler in 7 games in 2019. He made **2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He was a **team captain** and was **USC's Most Inspirational Player**. He is a **2019 East-West Shrine Game invitee**.

He had a team-best 13 tackles with a deflection against Fresno State, 5 tackles against Stanford, 8 tackles (1 for loss) at BYU and 9 tackles (0.5 for loss) against Utah. He had a game-high 10 tackles at Washington, a team-best 8 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack), and a deflection at Notre Dame and 8 tackles (2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks) and a fumble recovery against Arizona. He had a game-best 9 tackles with a deflection at Colorado, a game-high 9 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against Oregon, a game-high 9 tackles at Arizona State, a team-best 5 tackles at California and 7 tackles against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	16	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2017 (So.)...	84	3.5/19	4	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
2018 (Jr.)...	67	2.5/18	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Sr.)...	100	6.5/13	3	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	267	12/50	12	2	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOHN HOUSTON JR.

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	13	0/0	1	0
Stanford*	5	0/0	0	0
BYU*	8	1/1	0	0
Utah*	9	0.5/0	0	0
Washington*	10	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	8	2/2	1	0
Arizona*	8	2.5/10	0	1
Colorado*	9	0/0	1	0
Oregon*	9	0.5/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	9	0/0	0	0
California*	5	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	7	0/0	0	0
2019 (Sr.)...	100	6.5/13	3	1

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(15) TALANOA HUFANGA
Safety, 6-1, 220, So./So.
Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley HS)

CAREER: He has 127 tackles, including 9 for losses (with 2.5 sacks), plus 7 deflections and a forced fumble in his career. He has appeared in 17 games, with 14 starts, in his career.

2019: Hufanga started most of 2019 at strong safety as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while starting all 9 games he played (all but Washington, Colorado, Oregon), he had 76 tackles (second on USC), including 5.5 for losses of 29 yards (with 2.5 sacks for minus 21 yards), plus 3 deflections and a forced fumble. He suffered a concussion against Utah and missed the Washington game, then sprained his right shoulder against Arizona and missed the Colorado and Oregon games. He made **2019 All-Pac-12 second team**. He was **USC's Co-Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year**. He missed the last half of 2019 spring practice after re-breaking his right collarbone.

He had 8 tackles against Fresno State, a game-high 10 tackles (1 for loss) against Stanford, a team-best 10 tackles with a deflection at BYU and a game-best and then-career-high 14 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), against Utah. He had 6 tackles and a deflection at Notre Dame and 3 tackles against Arizona. He had 4 tackles and forced a fumble at Arizona State, 3 tackles (with a sack) at California and 18 tackles (including 2 for a loss, with a sack) and a deflection against UCLA (the most tackles by a Trojan since Troy Polamalu's 20 against Utah in the 2001 Vegas Bowl) to earn **Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week** honors.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	51	3.5/7	4	0
2019 (So.)...	76	5.5/29	3	0
CAREER.....	127	9/36	7	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TALANOA HUFANGA

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	8	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	10	1/3	0	0
BYU*	10	0/0	1	0
Utah*	14	1.5/5	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	0/0	1	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	0	0
California*	3	1/7	0	0
UCLA*	18	2/14	1	0
2019 (So.)...	76	5.5/29	3	0

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(56) JORDAN IOSEFA
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 230, Sr./Sr.
Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis HS)

CAREER: He has 78 tackles, including 7 for losses (with 3 sacks), 6 deflections, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble in his career. He has appeared in 36 games, with 16 starts.

2019: The versatile Iosefa was set to return as a starting linebacker as a senior in 2019, playing on the inside after being on the outside in 2018. But he dislocated his left kneecap in 2019 fall camp and had

surgery, sidelining him for the 2019 season. Because of the injury, he was able to redshirt. He was a **USC team captain**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	0
2017 (So.)...	31	3/11	2	0
2018 (Jr.)...	38	4/21	4	1
CAREER.....	78	7/32	6	1

(73) AUSTIN JACKSON
Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 310, Jr./Jr.
Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 38 games in his career, starting 24 times.

2019: Jackson started all 12 games for his second season at left offensive tackle as a junior in 2019. He blocked a field goal against Stanford. He was named the **Pac-12 Offensive Lineman of the Week** for his performance against Stanford. He made the **2019 All-Pac-12 first team**. He won **USC's Chris Carlisle Courage Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	1#	0
2019 (Jr.)...	0	0/0	1#	0
CAREER.....	3	0/0	2##	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal
##Includes 2 blocked field goals

(99) DRAKE JACKSON
Defensive Line, 6-4, 275, Fr./Fr.
Corona, CA (Centennial HS)

2019: Jackson, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, was impressive while starting at defensive end as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while starting all 10 games he played (all but Colorado and Oregon), he had 41 tackles, including a team-best 11.5 for losses of 60 yards (with a team-high 5.5 sacks for minus 44 yards), plus 3 deflections, a forced fumble and a safety. He sprained his left ankle against Arizona and missed the Colorado and Oregon games. He made the **2019 247 Sports Freshman All-American first team and Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American second team, All-Pac-12 second team and AP All-Pac-12 second team and was Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honorable mention**. He was named a **2019 The Athletic Midseason Freshman All-American**.

He had 3 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), and 2 deflections against Fresno State while becoming the first USC true freshman to start a season opener on the defensive line since Everson Griffen did so in 2007 (and just the second since Tim Ryan in 1986). He had 3 tackles (1.5 for losses) against Stanford, 3 tackles (with 1.5 sacks), a deflection and a forced fumble at BYU, 8 tackles, including forcing intentional grounding in the end zone for a sack and a safety, against Utah, 5 tackles at Washington, 5 tackles (2.5 for losses) at Notre Dame and 3 tackles (with 0.5 sack) against Arizona. He returned from missing 2 games due to an ankle injury and had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) at Arizona State, then had 3 tackles (with a sack) at California and 2 tackles with a sack against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	41	11.5#/60	3	0

#Includes 1 sack for a safety

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DRAKE JACKSON

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	3	1.5/8	2	0
Stanford*	3	1.5/2	0	0
BYU*	3	1.5/16	1	0
Utah*	8	1#/6	0	0
Washington*	5	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	2.5/7	0	0
Arizona*	3	0.5/4	0	0
Arizona St.*	6	1/3	0	0
California*	3	1/6	0	0
UCLA*	2	1/8	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	41	11.5#/60	3	0

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(80) JOHN JACKSON III
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 210, Fr./Fr.
Redondo Beach, CA (Serra HS)

2019: Jackson, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after sitting out the 2018 football season while a part-time student at a junior college, saw action as a backup wide receiver as a first-year freshman in 2019. He appeared in 9 games (all but Fresno State, BYU and Washington), but did not catch a pass.

(71) LIAM JIMMONS
Offensive Guard-Tackle, 6-4, 305, Jr.*/Sr.
Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach HS)

CAREER: He has 11 tackles, including 2.5 for losses of 12 yards (with a 9-yard sack), in his career. He has appeared in 29 games, with 1 start, in his career.

2019: Jimmons was switched to offensive guard and tackle prior to 2019 spring drills from the defensive line and was a key contributor as a junior in 2019, often rotating with Jalen McKenzie at right guard. He appeared in 8 games in 2019 (all but BYU, Arizona State, California, UCLA) and started once (Colorado). He suffered a concussion against Stanford and missed the BYU game, then dislocated his left elbow against Oregon and missed the Arizona State, California and UCLA games.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	6	2.5/12	0	0
CAREER.....	11	2.5/12	0	0

(59) DAMON JOHNSON
Snapper, 6-0, 205, Jr.*/Sr.
Glendora, CA (Glendora HS/Citrus JC)

CAREER: He has 3 tackles and a fumble recovery in his career. He has appeared in 36 games in his career.

2019: Johnson started for his third season as USC's long snapper as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 2 tackles (both at Washington) and a fumble recovery (against Arizona).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	2	0/0	0	1
CAREER.....	3	0/0	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DAMON JOHNSON

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Washington*	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	0	0/0	0	1
2019 (Jr.)...	2	0/0	0	1

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(9) GREG JOHNSON
Cornerback, 5-11, 190, So.*/Jr.
Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins HS)

CAREER: He has 45 tackles, including 2 for a loss of 6 yards, 7 deflections, 2 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries and a forced fumble in his career. He has appeared in 24 games in his career, with 12 starts.

2019: Johnson started at nickelback as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 10 games (all but Arizona and Arizona State) and starting 8 times (all but Stanford, Washington, Arizona and Arizona State), he had 30 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 4 yards, plus 4 deflections, 2 interceptions for 32 yards, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble. He suffered a concussion against BYU, then sprained his left shoulder at Notre Dame and missed the Arizona game and suffered a concussion against Oregon and missed the Arizona State game. He was limited in 2019 spring practice while recuperating from 2018 shoulder surgery.

He had 2 tackles against Fresno State, 6 tackles, a deflection and a fourth quarter interception against Stanford, 2 tackles at BYU, 6 tackles (1 for loss) and forced a fumble that he recovered against Utah, a tackle and deflection at Washington, 5 tackles and a deflection at Notre Dame, 2 tackles at Colorado, a deflection against Oregon, 2 tackles and returned an interception 32 yards at California a d 4 tackles against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	15	1/2	3	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	30	1/4	4	1	2	32	16.0	0	32
CAREER.....	45	2/6	7	2	2	32	16.0	0	32

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GREG JOHNSON

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	6	0/0	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
BYU*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	6	1/4	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	1	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	0	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	2	0/0	0	0	1	32	32.0	0	32
UCLA*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	30	1/4	4	1	2	32	16.0	0	32

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(46) GRANT JONES
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 225, Jr.*/Sr.
Danville, CA (De La Salle HS)

2019: Jones saw brief action in 1 game (California) in 2019 as a backup inside linebacker as a walk-on junior, but he did not make a tackle. He was **USC's Co-Defensive Service Team Players of the Year**.

(1) VELUS JONES JR.
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 190, Jr.*/Sr.
Saraland, AL (Saraland HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 36 receptions for 347 yards (9.6 avg) with 1 TD, plus 28 yards on 11 carries (2.5 avg) with 1 TD, a USC record 80 kickoff returns for 1,928 yards (24.1 avg) with 1 TD and 4 tackles. He is second on USC's career kickoff yardage return list with 1,928 yards, 213 yards behind recordholder Adoree' Jackson (2,141 yards on 79 returns). He has appeared in 37 games in his career, with 6 starts.

2019: The fleet Jones was a key contributor at wide receiver and as the kick returner as a junior in 2019. Overall while appearing in 11 games (all but UCLA) and starting twice (Colorado and Oregon), he had 6 catches for 35 yards (5.8 avg), 28 kickoff returns for 685 yards (24.5 avg) with 1 TD and 3 tackles. He is 10th nationally in kickoff return TDs (1, second in Pac-12) and 25th in kickoff returns (24.5, second in Pac-12). He sprained his ankle at California and missed the UCLA game. He made the **2019 All-Pac-12 second team (as a return specialist)**.

He had 4 kickoff returns for 161 yards against Fresno State, including a 100-yarder for a TD (USC's first scoring kick return since Adoree' Jackson did so versus Notre Dame in 2016 and just the sixth time a Trojan has returned a kickoff 100 yards for a TD, joining Jackson and Anthony Davis who did so twice and Marqise Lee). He had 4 kickoff returns for 79 yards and made 2 tackles against Stanford, then had 3 kick returns for 67 yards at BYU. He returned 5 kickoffs for 102 yards against Utah, then returned 3 kickoffs for 78 yards at Washington and 2 kickoffs for 48 yards at Notre Dame. He had a 6-yard catch, a 15-yard kickoff return and a tackle against Arizona, then a 5-yard catch and 24-yard kickoff return at Colorado. He had 2 catches for 12 yards and 4 kickoff returns for 87 yards against Oregon. He had 2 catches for 12 yards and had a 24-yard kickoff return against UCLA.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2017 (Fr.)...	6	46	7.7	0	16	5	15	3.0	0	12
2018 (So.)...	24	266	11.1	1	45	6	13	2.2	1	8
2019 (Jr.)...	6	35	5.8	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	36	347	9.6	1	45	11	28	2.5	1	12

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	31	760	24.5	0	59	0	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	21	483	23.0	0	37	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	28	685	24.5	1	100	3	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	80	1928	24.1	1	100	4	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH VELUS JONES JR.

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	4	161	40.3	1	100
Stanford	0	0	0.0	0	0	4	79	19.8	0	25
BYU	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	67	22.3	0	24
Utah	0	0	0.0	0	0	5	102	20.4	0	26
Washington	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	78	26.0	0	31
Notre Dame	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	48	24.0	0	25
Arizona	1	6	6.0	0	6	1	15	15.0	0	15
Colorado*	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	24	24.0	0	24
Oregon*	2	12	6.0	0	7	4	87	21.8	0	26
California	2	12	6.0	0	8	1	24	24.0	0	24
2019 (Jr.)...	6	35	5.8	0	8	28	685	24.5	1	100

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(27) QUINCY JOUNTTI
Tailback, 5-10, 210, Jr.*/Sr.
Bakersfield, CA (Liberty HS/Sacramento State)

2019: Jountti, a one-time walk-on who received a scholarship in the fall of 2019, saw action as a backup tailback and on special teams as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games, he ran for 38 yards on 13 carries (2.9 avg) and had 6 tackles. He won **USC's Joe Collins Walk-on Award and the Lifters Award**.

He had 2 tackles against Fresno State, 1 tackle at Washington, 13 yards on 4 rushes (his first USC carries) and a tackle against Arizona, 5 yards on 2 carries at Colorado, 5 yards on 3 tries against Oregon, a 1-yard carry at Arizona State, 14 yards on 3 carries and a tackle at California and a tackle against UCLA.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Jr.)...	13	38	2.9	0	6	6	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH QUINCY JOUNTTI

2019

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	0/0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	4	13	3.3	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	2	5	2.5	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
Oregon	3	5	1.7	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
California	3	14	4.7	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	13	38	2.9	0	6	6	0/0	0	0

(84) ERIK KROMMENHOEK
Tight End, 6-5, 260, Jr./Jr.
Danville, CA (Monte Vista HS)

CAREER: He has 15 catches for 139 yards (9.3 avg) in his career. He has appeared in 38 games in his career, with 7 starts.

2019: Krommenhoek saw significant time at tight end and on special teams as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 4 times (BYU, Notre Dame, Arizona, Arizona State), he had 11 receptions for 122 yards (11.1 avg). He won **USC's Bob Chandler Award**.

He had a 5-yard catch against Fresno State, a 60-yard reception at BYU, 2 catches for 10 yards at Washington, a career-best 5 receptions for 37 yards at Notre Dame, a 3-yard catch against Oregon and a 7-yard catch at Arizona State (he was slowed in that game with a stinger).

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2017 (Fr.)...	2	11	5.5	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	2	6	3.0	0	4	1	8	8.0	0	8
2019 (Jr.)...	11	122	11.1	0	60	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	15	139	9.3	0	60	1	8	8.0	0	8

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ERIK KROMMENHOEK

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	1	5	5.0	0	5
BYU*	1	60	60.0	0	60
Washington	2	10	10.0	0	6
Notre Dame*	5	37	7.4	0	15
Oregon	1	3	3.0	0	3
Arizona St.*	1	7	7.0	0	7
2019 (Jr.)...	11	122	11.1	0	60

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(97) JACOB LICHTENSTEIN
Defensive Line, 6-5, 280, So.*/Jr.
Weston, FL (Cypress Bay HS)

2019: Lichtenstein, a sophomore defensive lineman, sat out the 2019 season while recovering from a 2018 post-season knee injury.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	15	2/4	1	0

(86) CHASE LOCKE
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 190, Fr./Fr.
San Antonio, TX (O'Connor HS)

2019: Locke redshirted as a reserve wide receiver as a first-year freshman walk-on in 2019.

(15) DRAKE LONDON
Wide Receiver, 6-5, 205, Fr./Fr.
Moorpark, CA (Moorpark HS)

2019: The uber-athletic London, who also plans to play basketball at USC, was a key contributor in the wide receiver rotation as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 8 (all but BYU, Notre Dame, Arizona, Arizona State), he had 35 receptions for 533 yards (15.2 avg) with 4 TD. All but 3 of his catches came in the season's final 6 games. He made the **2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team**.

He had 3 catches for 62 yards against Stanford. He then had 4 grabs for 52 yards against Arizona, 7 grabs for 85 yards at Colorado, 4 catches for 51 yards with an 8-yard score against Oregon, 3 catches for 30 yards with an 8-yard TD at Arizona State, 6 grabs for a career-high 111 yards with a 8-yard TD to earn **Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week** honors at California and 8 receptions for 142 yards (both career bests) with a 32-yard TD against UCLA.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	35	533	15.2	4	46

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DRAKE LONDON

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Stanford*	3	62	20.7	0	45
Arizona*	4	52	13.0	0	32
Colorado*	7	85	12.1	0	26
Oregon*	4	51	12.8	1	19
Arizona St.*	3	30	10.0	1	14
California*	6	111	18.5	1	45
UCLA*	8	142	17.8	1	46
2019 (Fr.)...	35	533	15.2	4	46

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(63) DAMIAN LOPEZ
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 320, So.*/Jr.
San Pedro, CA (San Pedro HS/UC Irvine/Los Angeles Harbor JC)

2019: Lopez redshirted as a backup offensive guard as a redshirt sophomore walk-on in 2019.

(64) AJ MAGEO
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 300, Fr.*/So.
Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain HS)

2019: Mageo did not see action as a backup offensive guard and tackle as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019.

(89) SEAN MAHONEY
Tight End, 6-5, 215, Fr./Fr.
Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty HS)

2019: Mahoney redshirted as a reserve tight end as a first-year freshman walk-on in 2019. He won **USC's Co-Offensive Service Team Players of the Year**.

(23) KAULANA MAKAULA
Safety, 6-3. 190, Fr./Fr.
Kailua, HI (Punahou School)

2019: Makaula saw action as a backup safety and Nickelback as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 4 games (Notre Dame, Arizona, Arizona State, California), he had 6 tackles and 2 deflections. He had a tackle at Notre Dame, 3 tackles and a deflection against Arizona and 2 tackles and a deflection at California. He was able to redshirt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	2	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KAULANA MAKAULA

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	3	0/0	1	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	1	0
2019 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	2	0

(29) VAVAE MALEPEAI
Tailback, 6-0, 220, Jr.*/Sr.
Aiea, HI (Mililani HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has run for 1,228 yards on 239 carries (5.1 avg) with 14 TDs, caught 29 passes for 152 yards (5.2 avg) and made 5 tackles. He has appeared in 32 games in his career, with 7 starts.

2019: Malepeai was a key part of the tailback rotation when healthy as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 7 games (Fresno State, Stanford, BYU, Utah, Washington, Notre Dame, UCLA) and starting the first 6, he ran for a team-high 466 yards on 97 carries (4.8 avg) with 6 TDs and caught 11 passes for 59 yards (5.4 avg). A lingering knee injjry sidelined him for 5 games (Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State, California).

He ran for 134 yards on 23 carries (both career highs) with a short TD and caught 2 passes for 8 yards against Fresno State, then ran for 42 yards on 12 carries with 2 short TDs and caught 2 passes for 6 yards against Stanford. He had 96 yards on 23 carries with a short TD and also caught 3 passes for 28 yards at BYU, ran for 39 yards on 11 carries and had a catch for no yards against Utah, had 49 yards on 10 carries and caught 2 passes for 8 yards at Washington and ran for 46 yards on 8 rushes and caught a 9-yard pass at Notre Dame. He then had 60 carries on 10 rushes with 2 TDs (1 and 8 yards) against UCLA in his first action after missing the previous 5 games with a knee injury.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2017 (Fr.)...	49	261	5.3	0	26	3	5	1.7	0	6
2018 (So.)...	93	501	5.4	8	41	15	88	5.9	0	24
2019 (Jr.)...	97	466	4.8	6	26	11	59	5.4	0	11
CAREER.....	239	1228	5.1	14	41	29	152	5.2	0	24

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	4	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	5	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH VAVAE MALEPEAI

2019

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	23	134	5.8	1	26	2	8	4.0	0	6
Stanford*	12	42	3.5	2	11	2	6	3.0	0	4
BYU*	23	96	4.2	1	16	3	28	9.3	0	11
Utah*	11	39	3.5	0	10	1	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	10	49	4.9	0	15	2	8	4.0	0	5
Notre Dame*	8	46	5.8	0	11	1	9	9.0	0	9
UCLA	10	60	6.0	2	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	97	466	4.8	6	26	11	59	5.4	0	11

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(65) FRANK MARTIN II
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 300, Jr.*/Sr.
West Covina, CA (Mater Dei HS)

2019: Martin saw brief action in 3 games (Arizona, California, UCLA) as a reserve offensive guard as a junior in 2019.

(53) BRYCE MATTHEWS
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 225, So.*/Jr.
Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery HS)

2019: Matthews, a backup outside linebacker, was sidelined in 2019 as a walk-on sophomore with a back injury suffered in fall camp.

(26) KANA'I MAUGA
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 240, So./So.
Waianae, HI (Waianae HS)

CAREER: He has 71 tackles, including 8 for losses of 26 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 20 yards), 4 deflections, a forced fumble, an interception for 11 yards and a kickoff return for 0 yards in his career. He has appeared in 24 games, with 7 starts, in his career.

2019: Mauga, who was moved to inside linebacker prior to spring 2019 practice from outside linebacker, played a significant role there and on special teams as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 7 times (Stanford, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State, California, UCLA), he had 57 tackles, including 7 for losses of 25 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 20 yards), plus 2 deflections, a forced fumble, an interception returned for 11 yards and a kickoff return for no yards.

He had a tackle against Fresno State, 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against Stanford, 2 tackles (0.5 for loss) against Utah and 2 tackles at Notre Dame. Then, as a starter, he had a game-high and career-best 13 tackles (2 for losses, with a sack), forced a fumble that USC recovered and converted into a TD and returned an interception 11 yards that led to a USC field goal at Arizona, added 8 tackles (1 for a loss) at Colorado, 7 tackles (including 1.5 for losses, with a sack) against Oregon, a game-high 9 tackles at Arizona State, a team-best 5 tackles at Callifornia and 6 tackles (with a sack) and 2 deflections against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	14	1/1	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	57	7/25	2	0	1	11	11.0	0	11
CAREER.....	71	8/26	4	0	1	11	11.0	0	11

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (So.)...	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KANA'I MAUGA

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	4	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	2	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	13	2/5	0	0	1	11	11.0	0	11
Colorado*	8	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	7	1.5/7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	9	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	6	1/10	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	57	7/25	2	0	1	11	11.0	0	11

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(42) ABDUL-MALIK McCLAIN
Outside Linebacker, 6-4, 240, Fr.*/So.
San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic HS)

CAREER: He has 2 sacks for minus 11 yards in his career while appearing in 7 games.

2019: McClain saw action at outside linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 5 games (Arizona, Oregon, Arizona State, California, UCLA), he had 2 sacks for minus 11 yards. He hurt his knee in 2019 fall camp and had arthroscopic surgery, sidelining him for the first 4 games (Fresno State, Stanford, BYU, Utah). He then dislocated his right shoulder against Arizona (while making a sack) and missed the Colorado game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	2	2/11	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ABDUL-MALIK McCLAIN

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	1	1/6	0	0
Arizona State	1	1/5	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	2	2/11	0	0

(13) MUNIR McCLAIN
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 210, Fr./Fr.
San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic HS)

2019: McClain showed promise as a first-year freshman wide receiver in 2019 before suffering a mid-season injury. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 5 games (Stanford, BYU, Washington, Notre Dame, Arizona), he had 3 catches for 19 yards (6.3 avg). He had 2 catches for 10 yards against Stanford and a 9-yard reception against Arizona. He tore ligaments in his left knee while making a catch against Arizona and missed the season's final 5 games.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	3	19	6.3	0	9

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MUNIR McCLAIN

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Stanford	2	10	5.0	0	6
Arizona	1	9	9.0	0	9
2019 (Fr.)...	3	19	6.3	0	9

(14) BRU McCOY
Wide Receiver, 6-3, 210, Fr./Fr.
Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei HS/Texas)

2019: McCoy redshirted as a first-year freshman wide receiver in 2019. He originally signed with USC in December of 2018 and enrolled for the 2019 spring semester, but several weeks later he transferred to Texas and participated in 2019 spring practice there, then he transferred back to USC in the summer of 2019. He missed the first half of the 2019 season while recovering from an illness.

(40) CHASE McGRATH
Placekicker, 6-0, 190, So.*/Jr.
Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: He has hit 31-of-40 field goals, with a long of 52 yards, and 115-of-116 PATs in his career, and he has a tackle and a fumble recovery. He has appeared in 29 games in his career.

2019: McGrath re-assumed his starting job as USC's placekicker as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games, he hit 13-of-15 field goals and all 51 PATsHe missed 2019 spring practice while recovering from a 2018 knee injury. He is 12th nationally in field goal percentage (.867, third in Pac-12). He made **2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He was **USC's Special Teams Player of the Year**.

He hit a 38-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs against Fresno State, all 6 of his PATs and had a 23-yard field goal against Stanford, both of his field goal tries (27 yards and a career-long 52 yards with 1:43 to play to send the game into overtime) and all 3 of his PATs at BYU, all 4 of his PATs against Utah and both of his PATs at Washington.
He hit both of his field goals (40 and 27 yards) and all 3 of his PATs (he also tried an unsuccessful onside kick) at Notre Dame, a pair of field goals (31 and 38 yards) and all 5 of his PATs against Arizona and all 5 of his PATs but missed his first field goal of 2019 at Colorado. He hit a 24-yard field goal and all 3 of his PATs against Oregon, a 41-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs at Arizona State, both field goal tries (41 and 32 yards) and all 5 PATs at California and all 7 of his PATs and was 1-of-2 on field goals (making a 31-yarder) against UCLA.

	FGA	FGM	LG	PAT ATT	PAT	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	17	12	51	59	58	1	0/0	0	1
2018 (So.)...	8	6	47	6	6	0	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	15	13	52	51	51	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	40	31	52	116	115	1	0/0	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHASE McGRATH

2019

	FG-FGA	MADE	MISS	PAT-PAT ATT
Fresno St.*	1-1	38	--	4-4
Stanford*	1-1	23	--	6-6
BYU*	2-2	27, 52	--	3-3
Utah*	0-0	--	--	4-4
Washington*	0-0	--	--	2-2
Notre Dame*	2-2	40, 27	--	3-3
Arizona*	2-2	31,38	--	5-5
Colorado*	0-1	--	40 WL	5-5
Oregon*	1-1	24	--	3-3
Arizona St.*	1-1	41	--	4-4
California*	2-2	41,32	--	5-5
UCLA*	1-2	31	45 WL	7-7
2019 (So.)...	13-15			51-51

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Notre Dame*	1	0 (0)
2019 (So.)	1	0 (0)

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(70) JALEN McKENZIE
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 310, So.*/Jr.
Concord, CA (Clayton Valley HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 24 games in his career, with 14 starts.
2019: McKenzie started all of his 2019 sophomore season, 11 games at right offensive guard and once (at Colorado) at right offensive tackle. He made a tackle against Oregon and returned a short kickoff for 4 yards at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (So.)	1	0/0	0	0	1	4	4.0	0	4

(30) JORDAN McMILLAN
Safety, 5-11, 195, Fr.*/So.
Los Angeles, CA (Loyola HS)

CAREER: He has 7 tackles and an interception in his career. He has appeared in 7 games in his career.
2019: McMillan saw brief action as a backup safety and on special teams as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 5 games (Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State, California), he had 6 tackles. He had 2 tackles each against Arizona, Oregon and Arizona State.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	7	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JORDAN McMILLAN

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	0

(54) CLYDE MOORE
Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 225, Fr./Fr.
Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar HS/Colorado)

2019: Moore redshirted as a first-year freshman walk-on inside linebacker in 2019 after having arthroscopic surgery on his knee in fall camp.

(90) CONNOR MURPHY
Defensive Line, 6-7, 270, Jr.*/Sr.
Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)

CAREER: He has 15 tackles (1.5 for loss, with a sack), a fumble recovery and a blocked field goal in his career. He has appeared in 43 games in his career, with 2 starts.
2019: Murphy saw playing time at defensive end and on special teams as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting once (at BYU), he had 5 tackles, with a 3-yard sack, and blocked a field goal. He had a tackle against Fresno State, 2 tackles (with a sack) against Stanford and a tackle at BYU, then blocked a field goal against Utah.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	1
2017 (So.)...	3	0/0	0	0
2018 (Jr.)...	2	0.5/1	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	4	1/3	1#	0
CAREER.....	15	1.5/4	1#	1

#Includes 1 blocked field goal

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CONNOR MURPHY

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno State	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0
BYU*	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	0	0/0	1#	0
2019 (Jr.)...	4	1/3	1#	0

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#Includes 1 blocked field goal

(62) BRETT NEILON
Center, 6-2, 300, So.*/Jr.
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 16 games (starting 11) in his career, making 2 tackles.
2019: Neilon showed well while starting at center in all 10 games he played (all but California and UCLA) as a sophomore in 2019. He had 2 tackles in 2019 (1 each against Washington and Oregon). He strained his right calf at Arizona State and missed the next 2 games (California and UCLA).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (So.)...	2	0/0	0	0

(37) JUSTIN NEWELL
Cornerback, 6-0, 175, Jr.*/Sr.
West Orange, NJ (West Orange HS/Union County CC)

2019: Newell did not see action as a junior walk-on reserve cornerback in 2019. He did not play football at USC in 2017 or 2018.

(44) TUASIVI NOMURA
Outside Linebacker, 6-1, 210, Fr./Fr.
Corona, CA (Centennial HS)

2019: Nomura saw action in USC's first 4 games (Fresno State, Stanford, BYU, Utah) as a backup outside linebacker and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2019, but he did not make a tackle. He tore ligaments in his knee against Utah and had season-ending surgery, allowing him to redshirt.

(13) ADONIS OTEY
Cornerback, 6-1, 180, Fr./Fr.
Columbia, TN (Blackman HS)

2019: Otey saw action in 3 games (Arizona, Arizona State, California) as a backup cornerback and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2019. He made 1 tackle in 2019 (against Ariziona). He was able to redshirt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ADONIS OTEY

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(27) BRANDON PERDUE
Safety, 6-4, 205, Jr.*/Sr.
Simi Valley, CA (Oaks Christian HS/New Mexico Military Institute)

2019: Perdue did not see action as a backup safety as a walk-on junior in 2019. He also served as the scout team quarterback and was USC's emergency quarterback (he was the No. 2 quarterback in the Washington game because of injuries, but did not play). He was switched from quarterback in 2019 spring drills.

(91) BRANDON PILI
Defensive Line, 6-4, 325, Jr./Jr.
Anchorage, AK, (Westview HS (OR))

CAREER: He has 43 tackles, including 7.5 for losses (with 2.5 sacks), 3 deflections, a forced fumble and a blocked field goal in his career. He has appeared in 33 games in his career, starting 5 times.

2019: Pili played a key role as a backup defensive tackle as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting once (at Arizona State), he had 17 tackles, including 5 for losses of 18 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 12 yards), plus 3 deflections and a forced fumble.

He had a tackle (with 0.5 sack) against Fresno State, 2 deflections at BYU, a tackle and deflection against Utah, 2 tackles at Notre Dame, 2 tackles (1 for a loss) at Colorado, a tackle for loss against Oregon, a tackle for loss and a forced fumble at Arizona State, 3 tackles (with a sack) at California and 6 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	14	0/0	1#	0
2018 (So.)...	12	2.5/9	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	17	5/18	3	0
CAREER.....	43	7.5/27	4#	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal

GAME-BY-GAME WITH BRANDON PILI

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	0.5/3	0	0
BYU	0	0/0	2	0
Utah	1	0/0	1	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado	2	1/1	0	0
Oregon	1	1/4	0	0
Arizona St.*	1	1/1	0	0
California	3	1/9	0	0
UCLA	6	0.5/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	17	5/18	3	0

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(6) MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 220, Sr./Sr.
Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 165 receptions for 2,466 yards (14.9 avg) with 19 TDs, plus 17 tackles and 3 blocked punts, 6 punt returns for 156 yards (26.0 avg) with 1 TD, 5 kickoff returns for 31 yards (6.2 avg) and a 9-yard rush. His 165 career clutches rank 13th on USC's career receptions list. He has 9 100-yard receiving games in his career. He has appeared in 47 games in his career, with 29 starts.

2019: Pittman proved to be one of the nation's top wide receivers as a senior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while starting all 12 games, he had 95 receptions for 1,222 yards (12.9 avg) with 11 TDs, plus 3 tackles and 1 punt return for 0 yards (0.0 avg) and 1 kickoff return for 0 yards (0.0 avg). He is fourth nationally in receptions (7.9, first in Pac-12), 10th in receiving yards (101.8, second in Pac-12) and 13th in receiving TDs (11, second in Pac-12). His 95 receptions in 2019 is tied for fifth on USC's season receiving chart. He was in double digits in receptions 4 times in 2019. He had 5 100-yard receiving games in 2019.

He made the **2019 AP All-American second team, Football Coaches All-American second team, Football Writers All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team, The Athletic All-American second team and Pro Football Focus All-American honorable mention**. He **won the 2019 Pop Warner College Football Award** (senior who has made an impact on the field/classroom/community), was a **finalist for the Biletnikoff Award** (top receiver) and is a **finalist for the Witten Award** (College Man of the Year) and a **semifinalist for the Lombardi Award** (performance/leadership/character/resilience). He made the **2019 All-Pac12 first team (as a wide receiver) and second team (as a special teams player) and AP All-Pac-12 first team**. He is a **2020 Senior Bowl invitee**. He was named the **USC's MVP** and also won **USC's Community Service Award and Lifters Award**. He was a **USC team captain**.

He had 6 grabs for 28 yards and a tackle against Fresno State, then 6 receptions for 82 yards against Stanford and 9 catches for 95 yards (both game highs and a career high for receptions) with 2 TDs (8 and 30 yards) at BYU. He had 10 catches for 232 yards with a 77-yard TD (all career highs) against Utah (it was the fifth most yards ever by a Trojan and the most since Marqise Lee's school-record 345 yards at Arizona in 2012), 4 grabs for 64 yards, a tackle and a punt return for no yards at Washington, 4 catches for 29 yards at Notre Dame and 4 receptions for 69 yards with a 9-yard score against Arizona. He had 7 receptions for 156 yards at Colorado with fourth quarter TDs of 44 yards and the game winner of 37 yards with 2:15 to play, then had a game-high 8 receptions for 37 yards with a 13-yard TD against Oregon. He had a career-high 13 receptions for 146 yards and made a tackle at Arizona State, had 11 catches for 180 yards with a 33-yard TD at California (he also returned a kickoff for no yards) and had a career-high 13 catches for 104 yards with 2 TDs (1 and 4 yards) against UCLA.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	6	82	13.7	0	21	7	0/0	1#	0
2017 (So.)...	23	404	17.6	2	54	6	0/0	1#	0
2018 (Jr.)...	41	758	18.5	6	65	1	0/0	1#	0
2019 (Sr.)...	95	1222	12.9	11	77	3	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	165	2466	14.9	19	77	17	0/0	3##	0

#Includes 1 blocked punt
##Includes 3 blocked punts

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	2	63	31.5	0	35	4	31	7.8	0	13
2017 (So.)...	2	89	44.5	1	72	0	0	0.0	0	0
2018 (Jr.)...	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Sr.)...	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	6	156	26.0	1	72	5	31	6.2	0	13

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Jr.)...	1	9	9.0	0	9

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	6	28	4.7	0	9	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	6	82	13.7	0	31	0	0/0	0	0
BYU*	9	95	10.6	2	30	0	0/0	0	0
Utah*	10	232	23.2	1	77	0	0/0	0	0
Washington*	4	64	16.0	1	44	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	29	7.3	0	11	0	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	4	69	17.3	1	54	0	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	7	156	22.3	2	44	0	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	8	37	4.6	1	13	0	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	13	146	11.2	0	28	1	0/0	0	0
California*	11	180	16.4	1	45	0	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	13	104	8.0	2	13	0	0/0	0	0
2019 (Sr.)...	95	1222	12.9	11	77	3	0/0	0	0

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Washington	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Sr.)...	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

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(21) ISAIAH POLA-MAO
Safety, 6-4, 205, So.*/Jr.
Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe HS)

CAREER: He has 76 tackles, including 4.5 for losses of 24 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 13 yards), 4 interceptions, 2 deflections and 1 forced fumble in his career. He has appeared in 14 games in his career, with 13 starts.

2019: Pola-Mao started at free safety role as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 11 (all but Arizona State), he had 68 tackles, including 4.5 for losses of 24 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 13 yards), plus a team-high 4 interceptions and 2 deflections. He currenly is 24th nationally in interceptions (0.3, third in Pac-12). With an interception in 3 consecutive games in 2019 (Oregon, Arizona State, California), Pola-Mao is the first Trojan to do so since Ifeanyi Ohalete in 1998. He was **USC's Co-Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year**. He was limited in 2019 spring practice while recuperating from a 2018 shoulder injury.

Against Fresno State, he had 5 tackles (with a sack) and had an endzone interception as the Bulldogs were driving for a potential tying score late in the game. He had 4 tackles against Stanford, 8 tackles at BYU, 8 tackles (1 for a loss) against Utah and 4 tackles at Washington. He had 7 tackles (1 for a loss) at Notre Dame, 7 tackles (0.5 sack) and a deflection against Arizona and 6 tackles at Colorado. He Jayden Williams had 4 tackles, Taylor-Stuart and Makaula each had 3 tackles and a deflection, Hufanga, Steele and Pollard each had 3 tackles, Chase Williams and McMillan each had 2 tackles, and Max Williams, Hewett and Otey each had a tackle. He had a tackle for loss and an interception that he returned 14 yards against Oregon before being ejected for targeting. He had 4 tackles and a goal-line interception at Arizona State after sitting out the first half because of a targeting penalty in the previous game, 2 tackles and returned an interception 24 yards at California and 12 tackles and a deflection against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	68	4.5/24	2	0	4	38	9.5	0	24
CAREER.....	76	4.5/24	2	0	4	38	9.5	0	24

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ISAIAH POLA-MAO

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	5	1/10	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
BYU*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	8	1/6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	7	1/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	7	0.5/3	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	1	1/3	0	0	1	14	14.0	0	14
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
California*	2	0/0	0	0	1	24	24.0	0	24
UCLA*	12	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	68	4.5/24	2	0	4	38	9.5	0	24

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(28) C.J. POLLARD
Safety, 6-1, 195, Jr.*/Sr.
Carson, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: He has 31 tackles, including 3.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), and a deflection in his career. He has appeared in 26 games in his career, with 1 start.

2019: Pollard saw action at safety and on special teams as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Fresno State), he had 15 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 1 yard. He had surgery on his foot prior to 2019 spring practice and missed spring drills. He had 3 tackles at BYU, a tackle against Utah, 3 tackles against Arizona, 6 tackles (1 for a loss) off the bench against Oregon and 2 tackles at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	4	1/10	0	0
2018 (So.)...	12	1.5/6	1	0
2019 (Jr.)...	15	1/1	0	0
CAREER.....	31	3.5/17	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH C.J. POLLARD

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
BYU	3	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon	6	1/1	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	15	1/1	0	0

(66) GINO QUINONES
Center-Offensive Guard, 6-3, 280, Fr./Fr.
Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis HS)

2019: Quinones, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a center and offensive guard as a first-year freshman in 2019.

(85) ETHAN RAE
Tight End, 6-5, 240, Fr./Fr.
Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran HS)

2019: Rae redshirted as a first-year freshman tight end in 2019. He spent 2019 recovering from a high school knee injury.

(89) CHRISTIAN RECTOR
Defensive Line, 6-4, 270, Sr.*/Sr.
South Pasadena, CA (Loyola HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 104 tackles, including 22 for losses (with 13 sacks), 1 deflections, 3 fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, an interception and a 10-yard kickoff return. He has appeared in 45 games in his career, with 22 starts.

2019: Rector started at defensive end as a senior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while starting all 9 games he played (all but BYU, Arizona, Colorado), he had 16 tackles, including 2 for losses of 2 yards (with a 1-yard sack), plus an interception and a deflection. He sprained has ankle against Stanford and missed the BYU game, then re-aggravated it and sat out the Arizona and Colorado games. He won **USC's Trojan Commitment Award**. He was a **USC team captain**.

He had 4 tackles with a sack and a deflection against Fresno State, a tackle for loss against Stanford, 3 tackles against Utah, a tackle at Washington, 2 tackles at Notre Dame and 3 tackles against Oregon. He had 2 tackles at Arizona State and made a victory-sealing interception deep in USC territory with 25 seconds to play when he batted a pass at the line and dove to haul it in.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2017 (So.)...	35	11/64	0	2	1	10	10.0	0	10
2018 (Jr.)...	48	9/44	2	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Sr.)...	15	2/2	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	104	22/110	4	3	1	10	10.0	0	10

	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Sr.)...	1	1	1.0	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRISTIAN RECTOR

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	4	1/1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	1	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1
2019 (Sr.)...	15	2/2	1	0	1	1	1.0	0	1

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(53) DREW RICHMOND
Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 315, Sr.*/Gr.
Memphis, TN (Memphis University HS/Tennessee)

2019: Richmond, who came to USC in the summer of 2019 as a graduate transfer from Tennessee and was eligible to play immediately as a senior, started 11 games (all but Colorado, where he came in off the bench) at right offensive tackle in 2019. He won **USC's John McKay Award**. He is a **2020 East-West Shrine Bowl invitee**.

(77) JASON RODRIGUEZ
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 325, Fr./Fr.
Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills HS)

2019: Rodriguez appeared in 3 games (Arizona State, California, UCLA) as a reserve offensive lineman and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2019. He was able to redshirt.

(36) WILL ROSE
Punter, 6-1, 175, Fr./Fr.
Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

2019: Rose redshirted as a first-year freshman walk-on punter in 2019.

(51) BERNARD SCHIRMER
Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 290, Jr.*/Sr.
Long Beach, CA (Lakewood HS/Mt. San Antonio JC)

2019: Schirmer did not see action at offensive tackle as a junior in 2019. He missed 2019 spring drills due to a personal reason.

(18) RAYMOND SCOTT
Inside Linebacker-Safety, 6-2, 225, So./So.
Harbor City, CA (Narbonne HS)

CAREER: He has 2 tackles in his career while appearing in 13 games.

2019: Scott saw action in 4 games (Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State) as a reserve inside linebacker and nickel back and on special teams as a sophomore in 2019. He had 1 tackle (against Oregon) in 2019. He was able to redshirt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RAYMOND SCOTT

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(4) TREVOR SCULLY
Quarterback, 5-11, 170, Fr.*/So.
La Jolla, CA (La Jolla HS)

2019: Scully did not see action as a backup quarterback as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019.

(47) MICHAEL SHAHIDI
Punter, 6-0, 180, Fr./Fr.
Westlake Village, CA (Westlake HS)

2019: Shahidi redshirted as a first-year freshman walk-on reserve punter in 2019.

(9) KEDON SLOVIS
Quarterback, 6-2, 200, Fr./Fr.
Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain HS)

2019: Slovis, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school and emerged from 2019 fall camp as the No. 2 quarterback, took over the starting job late in the first half of the opener and had a spectacular season as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Washington) and starting 10 times (all but Fresno State and Washington), he completed 260-of-362 passes (71.8%) for 3,242 yards with 28 TDs and 9 interceptions, plus he had 43 carries for -48 yards (-1.1 avg). He missed the Washington game with a concussion. He is fifth nationally in completion percentage (.718, second in Pac-12), eighth in passing yards (294.7, second in Pac-12), ninth in completions (23.6, second in Pac-12), 10th in passing efficiency (167.6, second in Pac-12), 16th in passing TDs (28, third in Pac-12), 18th in total offense (290.4, second in Pac-12) and 23rd in points responsible for (15.3, fourth in Pac-12). His completions (260) and yardage (3,242) are USC freshman season records, while his TDs (28) trail only Sam Darnold's frosh mark of 31 in 2016. His 71.8% completion percentage is above Cody Kessler's USC season record of 69.7% in 2014. His 260 completions ranks him 10th on USC's season passing list and 15th on the career ladder. His 3,194 yards of total offense is 14th on USC's season list and 24th on the career chart. He has 4 games in 2019 with 400 passing yards (a season record by a Trojan and tied with Matt Barkley for the most ever in a USC career) and 4 TD throws, all in the last 5 contests. He completed more than 67% of his passes in all but 1 game in 2019 and he was over 70% in 7 games (3 times over 80%). In the fourth quarter in 2019, he is 53-of-68 (77.9%) for 729 yards with 8 TDs and no interceptions.

He was the **2019 Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year** (USC's fourth such honoree, Robert Woods in 2010, Marqise Lee in 2011 and Sam Darnold in 2016) and **AP Pac-12 Newcomer of the Year** and made **All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He made the **2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team**.

When starter JT Daniels suffered a season-ending knee injury late in the first half of the Fresno State opener, Slovis replaced him and went 6-of-8 for 57 yards with 1 pick. In his first career start (just the fifth USC true freshman quarterback to start a game, along with JT Daniels, Matt Barkley, Carson Palmer and Rob Johnson), Slovis hit 84.8% of his passes (28-of-33) for 377 yards with 3 TDs against Stanford, the most yards, TDs, completions and completion percentage by a USC true frosh in a debut (also the second most yards by a USC true freshman in any game, behind Barkley's 380 at Notre Dame in 2009, and the most yards by any USC

quarterback since Sam Darnold's 297 against Texas in 2017) to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. He was 24-of-34 for 281 yards with 2 TDs but threw 3 interceptions at BYU. Against Utah, he completed passes on the first 2 plays of the game (for 17 yards) before being sidelined with a concussion and missing the next game at Washington. He returned to the starting lineup at Notre Dame and hit 24-of-35 passes for 255 yards with 2 TDs (38 and 5 yards), including 14-of-18 for 181 yards and both scores in the second half. He was 19-of-28 for 232 yards and short 2 TDs against Arizona. He was 30-of-44 for 406 yards and 4 TDs (all career highs) with an interception at Colorado, including going 9-of-13 for 148 yards with 2 long TDs in the fourth quarter (with the game winner coming with 2:15 to go to cap a 12-play, 89-yard drive), to earn **Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week and Davey O'Brien Award Great 8** honors. He completed a career-high 32 passes on a USC game record 57 attempts for 264 yards with 3 TDs (8, 13, 20 yards) but threw 3 picks and lost a fumble against Oregon (in the first quarter, he was 24-of-42 for 179 yards with 2 TDs). At Arizona State, he was 29-of-39 for a career-best 432 yards with 4 TDs (8, 8, 58, 95 yards, all in the first quarter when he completed 15-of-17 passes, including his first 11, for 297 yards, with the 95-yarder the longest at USC since a school record 97-yarder in 1996) to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. He completed 82.9% of his passes (29-of-35) for 406 yards and 4 TDs (18, 33, 8, 15 yards) at California against a defense that was allowing only 234.4 passing yards and had given up just 9 TDs passes all year to earn **Maxwell Award National Player of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, Pro Football Focus National Quarterback of the Week and College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week** honors. He threw for a USC game record 515 yards against UCLA (the most ever by a player on either team in the series) while completing 78.7% of his passes, hitting a USC game record-tying 37 completions on 47 attempts with 4 TDs (1, 4, 32, 49 yards) to earn the **USC Player of the Game Versus UCLA Award, Manning Award Star of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week and College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention** honors.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	362	260	9	.718	3242	28	95	43	-48	-1.1	0	9

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KEDON SLOVIS

2019

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	8	6	1	.750	57	0	41	2	-1	-0.5	0	4
Stanford*	33	28	0	.848	377	3	45	6	12	2.0	0	8
BYU*	34	24	3	.706	281	2	60	4	0	0.0	0	5
Utah*	2	2	0	1.000	17	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	35	24	0	.686	255	2	38	8	-1	-0.1	0	9
Arizona*	28	19	0	.679	232	2	54	3	-10	-3.3	0	4
Colorado*	44	30	1	.682	406	4	44	4	-6	-1.5	0	8
Oregon*	57	32	3	.561	264	3	20	4	-10	-2.5	0	2
Arizona St.*	39	29	1	.744	432	4	95	3	3	1.0	0	6
California*	35	29	0	.829	406	4	50	3	-22	-7.3	0	0
UCLA*	47	37	0	.787	515	4	49	6	-13	-2.2	0	7
2019 (Fr.)...	362	260	9	.718	3242	28	95	43	-48	-1.1	0	9

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(38) ALEX STADTHAUS
Placekicker, 6-2, 200, So./So.
Austin, TX (Vandergrift HS)

CAREER: He has touchbacks on 60 of his 120 kickoffs (50%), with 9 pinning opponents within the 20-yard line, and has made 5 tackles in his career while appearing in 23 games

2019: Stadthaus once again handled the kickoff job as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Utah), he had touchbacks on 19 of his 59 kickoffs (32.2%), with 3 pinning opponents within the 20-ard line, and he made 4 tackles.

He had touchbacks on 3 of his 6 kickoffs and made a tackle against Fresno State, 3 of his kickoffs were for touchbacks against Stanford and he kicked off twice with a touchback at BYU. He kicked off once (for a touchback) at Washington, had touchbacks on 2 of his 5 kickoffs at Notre Dame, had 1 touchback on his 8 kickoffs against Arizona (and made 2 tackles), had touchbacks on 5 of his 6 kickoffs at Colorado, 2 of his 5 kickoffs were touchbacks (he also had a tackle) against Oregon and he had 2 kickoffs at Arizona State. He kicked off 7 times at California and 9 times (with 1 touchback) against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	4	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	5	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ALEX STADTHAUS

2019

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Fresno State*	6	1 (3)
Stanford*	8	0 (3)
BYU*	2	0 (1)
Washington*	1	0 (1)
Notre Dame*	5	0 (2)
Arizona *	8	0 (1)
Colorado*	6	0 (5)
Oregon*	5	1 (2)
Arizona State*	2	0 (0)
California*	7	0 (0)
UCLA*	9	1 (1)
2019 (So.)...	59	3 (19)

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(8) AMON-RA ST. BROWN
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 195, So./So.
Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: He has 128 career catches for 1,629 yards and 9 TDs in his career to rank tied for 19th on USC's career receptions list. He has 4 career 100-yard receiving games. He also has 9 carries for 69 yards (7.7 avg) with 1 TD, 13 punt returns for 75 yards (5.8 avg) and 1 tackle in his career. He has appeared in 24 games in his career, with 16 starts.

2019: St. Brown had another outstanding season as a sophomore wide receiver and punt returner in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 11 times (all but BYU), he had 68 receptions for 779 yards (12.5 avg) with 6 TDs, plus 7 carries for 60 yards (8.6 avg) with 1 TD and 12 punt returns for 66 yards (5.5 avg). He has 3 100-yard receiving games in 2019. His 68 receptions is tied for 20th on USC's season receptions list. He made **2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's Trojan Way Leadership Award**.

He had 5 catches for 38 yards against Fresno State, then 8 catches for 97 yards with 2 TDs (39 and 7 yards) against Stanford. He had a 4-yard catch at BYU, 5 catches for 68 yards with a 31-yard TD against Utah, a team-best 5 catches for 31 yards and returned a punt 6 yards at Washington and a game-best 8 receptions for 112 yards, with a 38-yard TD, and a 10-yard punt return at Notre Dame. He had 3 catches for 27 yards against Arizona and 5 catches for 55 yards at Colorado while also seeing action out of the backfield to run for 50 yards on 3 carries with a 37-yard TD. He had 7 receptions for 61 yards, a 2-yard rush and a 5-yard punt return against Oregon, then at Arizona State he had 8 catches for 173 yards (with a 95-yard TD, USC's longest pass completion since a school-record 97-yarder at Illinois in 1996), 3 rushes for 8 yards (while lining up in the backfield) and 3 punt returns for 26 yards for 207 all-purpose yards to earn **Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll** notice. He had 5 catches for 85 yards with an 18-yard TD and returned 2 punts for 20 yards at California, then had 8 receptions for 128 yards and returned 2 punts for minus 3 yards against UCLA.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	60	750	12.5	3	53	2	9	4.5	0	12
2019 (So.)...	68	879	12.9	6	95	7	60	8.6	1	37
CAREER.....	128	1629	12.7	9	95	9	69	7.7	1	37

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	1	9	9.0	0	9	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	12	66	5.5	0	24	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	13	75	5.8	0	24	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH AMON-RA ST. BROWN

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	5	38	7.6	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	8	97	12.1	2	39	0	0	0.0	0	0
BYU*	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	5	68	13.6	1	31	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	5	31	6.2	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	8	112	14.0	1	38	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	3	27	9.0	0	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	5	55	11.0	0	22	3	50	16.7	1	37
Oregon*	7	61	8.7	0	19	1	2	2.0	0	2
Arizona St.*	8	173	21.6	1	95	3	8	2.7	0	8
California*	5	85	17.0	1	50	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	8	128	16.0	0	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (So.)...	68	879	12.9	6	95	7	60	8.6	1	37

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Washington*	1	6	6.0	0	6
Notre Dame*	1	10	10.0	0	10
Colorado*	2	2	1.0	0	4
Oregon*	1	5	5.0	0	5
Arizona St.*	3	26	8.7	0	24
California*	2	20	10.0	0	13
UCLA*	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
2019 (So.)...	12	66	5.5	0	24

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(8) CHRIS STEELE
Cornerback, 6-1, 190, Fr./Fr.
Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco HS/Florida)

2019: Steele had an impressive debut season as a first-year freshman cornerback in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Colorado) and starting 6 times (Utah, Washington, Arizona, Arizona State, California, UCLA), he had 33 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 1 yard, plus 4 deflections and a fumble recovery. He sprained his knee in practice prior to the Colorado game and missed that game. He originally enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school and participated in 2019 spring practice, but transferred to USC in the fall of 2019 and was granted a waiver by the NCAA to play immediately.

He had 1 tackle against Fresno State, 2 tackles and a deflection at BYU, 4 tackles against Utah, 5 tackles and a fumble recovery at Wahington, 5 tackles and a deflection at Notre Dame, 3 tackles against Arizona, 3 tackles (1 for a loss) against Oregon, 3 tackles against Arizona State, a tackle and deflection at California and 6 tackles against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	33	1/1	4	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRIS STEELE

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	0	0/0	1	0
BYU	2	0/0	1	0
Utah*	4	0/0	0	0
Washington*	5	0/0	0	1
Notre Dame	5	0/0	1	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon	3	1/1	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	0/0	0	0
California*	1	0/0	1	0
UCLA*	6	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	33	1/1	4	1

*Starter

(30) MARKESE STEPP
Tailback, 6-0, 235, Fr.*/So.
Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral HS)

CAREER: He has run for 340 yards on 55 carries (6.2 avg) with 3 TDs, a 7-yard reception and 1 tackle in his career. He has appeared in 10 games in his career.

2019: Stepp showed promise at tailback as a redshirt freshman in 2019 before getting hurt. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 6 games (Stanford, BYU, Utah, Washington, Notre Dame, Arizona), he had 307 yards on 48 carries (5.7 avg) with 3 TDs. He sprained his ankle against Arizona and was sidelined the rest of the season.

He had 33 yards on 3 carries against Stanford, 53 yards on 9 carries at BYU, 11 yards on 3 carries (with a short TD) against Utah, 62 yards on 10 carries at Washington, a team-best and career-high 82 yards on 10 carries, with a short TD, at Notre Dame and 66 yards on 13 carries with a 12-yard TD before leaving with an ankle sprain.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2018 (Fr.)...	7	33	4.7	0	9	1	7	7.0	0	7
2019 (Fr.)...	48	307	6.4	3	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	55	340	6.2	3	35	1	7	7.0	0	7

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MARKESE STEPP

2019

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Stanford	3	33	11.0	0	20
BYU	9	53	5.9	0	15
Utah	3	11	3.7	1	4
Washington	10	62	6.2	0	35
Notre Dame	10	82	8.2	1	25
Arizona	13	66	5.1	1	14
2019 (Fr.)...	48	307	6.4	3	35

(47) STANLEY TA'UFO'OU
Defensive Line, 6-3, 270, Fr./Fr.
Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethern HS)

2019: Ta'ufo'ou, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw brief action in 2 games (Arizona, California) at defensive tackle as a first-year freshman in 2019, but did not make a tackle. He was able to redshirt.

(6) ISAAC TAYLOR-STUART
Cornerback, 6-2, 205, Fr.*/So.
San Diego, CA (Helix HS)

CAREER: He has 36 tackles, including 1 for a 1-yard loss, plus an interception and 4 deflections in his career while appearing in 15 games, with 8 starts.

2019: Taylor-Stuart started most of 2019 at cornerback as a redshirt freshman. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Utah) and starting 8 times (all but Utah, Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA), he had 36 tackles, including 1 for a 1-yard loss, plus an interception and 4 deflections. He suffered a concussion at BYU and missed the Utah game.

He had 3 tackles against Fresno State, 2 tackles against Stanford, 5 tackles with a deflection at BYU, 6 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection at Washington, 3 tackles at Notre Dame despite being slowed by an ankle sprain, 3 tackles and a deflection against Arizona, 6 tackles with a deflection at Colorado, 3 tackles against Oregon, 1 tackle at California and 4 tackles and an interception against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Fr.)...	36	1/1	4	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ISAAC TAYLOR-STUART

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
BYU*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	6	1/1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	3	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	4	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	36	1/1	4	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

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(96) CALEB TREMBLAY
Defensive Line, 6-5, 270, Jr.*/Sr.
Napa, CA (Vintage HS/American River CC)

CAREER: He has 18 tackles, including 3 for losses of 21 yards, with 2 sacks for minus 18 yards, in his career while appearing in 14 games, with 2 starts.

2019: Tremblay was a key contributor on the defensive line, both at tackle and end, as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Fresno State) and starting twice (Colorado and Oregon), he had 16 tackles, including 3 for losses of 21 yards, with 2 sacks for minus 18 yards. He was slowed in the Arizona State game with a stinger. He missed some of 2019 spring drills while recovering from a 2018 knee injury.

He had a tackle (0.5 sack) against Stanford, a tackle at BYU, 2 tackles each against Utah and Notre Dame, a tackle for loss against Arizona, 4 tackles with a sack at Colorado in his first career start, 3 tackles against Oregon and 2 tackles (0.5 sack) at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Jr.)...	2	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	16	3/21	0	0
CAREER.....	18	3/21	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CALEB TREMBLAY

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Stanford	1	0.5/4	0	0
BYU	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	2	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	1/3	0	0
Colorado*	4	1/12	0	0
Oregon*	3	0/0	0	0
California	2	0.5/2	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	16	3/21	0	0

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(95) TREVOR TROUT
Defensive Line, 6-4, 315, Fr.*/So.
Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)

2019: Trout saw brief action in 2 games (Arizona, Oregon) at defensive tackle as a redshirt freshman in 2019, but did not make a tackle. He was limited early in 2019 spring practice because of a back injury before a right bicep injury sidelined him for spring drills.

(78) JAY TUFELE
Defensive Line, 6-3, 305, So.*/Jr.
Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham HS)

CAREER: He has 62 tackles, including 11 for losses of 47 yards (with 7.5 sacks for minus 39 yards), plus a deflection, a fumble recovery for a TD and a blocked field goal in his career. He has appeared in 24 games in his career, with 17 starts.

2019: Tufele once again made an impact at defensive tackle as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while starting all 12 games, he had 38 tackles, including 6.5 for losses of 28 yards (with 4.5 sacks for minus 22 yards), plus a deflection. He made the **2019 All-Pac-12 first team and AP All-Pac-12 second team**. He repeated as **USC's Defensive Lineman of the Year**.

He had 4 tackles against Fresno State, 6 tackles with a sack against Stanford, 3 tackles (with 0.5 for loss) at BYU and 2 tackles against Utah. Two of 4 tackles were for losses (with a sack) at Washington, then he had a tackle at Notre Dame, 2 tackles (0.5 sack) and a deflection against Arizona, 3 tackles at Colorado, 5 tackles (with a sack) against Oregon, 2 tackles at Arizona State, 2 tackles (with a sack) at California and 4 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	23	4.5/19	1#	1##
2019 (So.)...	39	6.5/28	1	0
CAREER.....	62	11/47	2#	1##

#Includes 1 blocked field goal
##Includes 1 for a TD

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JAY TUFELE

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	4	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	6	1/4	0	0
BYU*	3	0.5/2	0	0
Utah*	2	0/0	0	0
Washington*	4	2/5	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	2	0.5/4	1	0
Colorado*	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	5	1/10	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0
California*	3	1/2	0	0
UCLA*	4	0.5/1	0	0
2019 (So.)...	39	6.5/28	1	0

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(45) MANINOA TUFONO
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 235, Fr./Fr.
Halawa, HI (Punahou School)

2019: Tufono saw action in 1 game (Arizona) as a first-year freshman inside linebacker in 2019, making 2 tackles. He was able to redshirt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MANINOA TUFONO

2018

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

(51) MARLON TUIPULOTU
Defensive Line, 6-3, 305, So.*/Jr.
Independence, OR (Central HS)

CAREER: He has 79 tackles, including 11.5 for losses (with 6.5 sacks), plus 3 deflections and a forced fumble in his career. He has appeared in 26 games in his career, starting 22.

2019: Tuipulotu started again at defensive tackle as a sophomore in 2019. Overall in 2019 while starting all 11 games he played (all but Arizona State), he had 44 tackles, including 6 for losses of 19 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 10 yards), plus 3 deflections and a forced fumble. He missed the Arizona State game because of a back injury.

He had 5 tackles and forced a fumble against Fresno State, 4 tackles (1 for loss) against Stanford, 5 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), at BYU, 5 tackles (0.5 sack) and 2 deflections against Utah, 5 tackles at Washington, 6 tackles at Notre Dame, 3 tackles (including 1.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack) against Arizona, 4 tackles at Colorado, 1 tackle against Oregon, 4 tackles (with 0.5 sack) at California and 2 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0
2018 (Fr.)...	33	5.5/17	0	0
2019 (So.)...	44	6/19	3	0
CAREER.....	79	11.5/36	3	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MARLON TUIPULOTU

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	5	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	4	1/2	0	0
BYU*	5	1.5/4	0	0
Utah*	5	0.5/4	2	0
Washington*	5	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	3	1.5/5	0	0
Colorado*	4	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	1	0/0	0	0
California*	4	0.5/1	0	0
UCLA*	2	1/3	1	0
2019 (So.)...	44	6/19	3	0

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(58) SOLOMON TULIAUPUPU
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 230, Fr.*/So.
Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei HS)

2019: Tuliaupupu, a redshirt freshman inside linebacker, did not see action in 2019 while recovering from a 2018 foot injury that required additional surgery in 2019 fall camp.

(21) TYLER VAUGHNS
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 190, Jr.*/Sr.
Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat HS)

CAREER: He has 183 receptions for 2,341 yards (12.8 avg) with 17 TDs in his career, along with 27 punt returns for 254 yards (9.4 avg) with 1 TD, 1 kickoff return for 10 yards (10.0 avg), 5 tackles and 1-of-1 passing for 36 yards and a TD. He is ninth on USC's career pass receptions list (183 catches). He has 7 100-yard receiving games in his career. He has appeared in 38 games in his career, with 32 starts.

2019: The smooth, sure-handed Vaughns started for his third year at wide receiver and also spent the first part of the season returning punts again as a junior in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 11 (all but California), he had 68 receptions for 858 yards (12.6 avg) with 6 TDs, plus 7 punt returns for 46 yards (6.6 avg), 1 kickoff return for 10 yards (10.0 avg) and 3 tackles. He was slowed in the California game after spraining his ankle at Arizona State. His 68 receptions is tied for 20th on USC's season receptions list. He has 4 100-yard receiving games in 2019. He made **2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He was **USC's Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year**.

He had 11 receptions for a career-high 150 yards and returned a punt 3 yards against Fresno State, then had 5 grabs for 106 yards with a 16-yard score and he had a 14-yard punt return against Stanford. He had 7 receptions for 65 yards, had a 4-yard punt return and made a tackle at BYU, 4 catches for 49 yards with a 29-yard TD and also made a tackle against Utah and 4 catches for 44 yards at Washington. He had 4 catches for 47 yards with a 5-yard TD and he also had a 6-yard punt return at Notre Dame, a game-high 7 catches for 73 yards with a 5-yard TD and also had 3 punt returns for 19 yards and a 10-yard kickoff return against Arizona and 9 catches for 104 yards with a 21-yard TD and a tackle at Colorado. He had a game-high 8 receptions for 75 yards against Oregon, 4 grabs for 39 yards at Arizona State and 6 grabs for 106 yards with a 49-yard TD against UCLA.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2017 (Fr.)...	57	809	14.2	5	42	1	9	9.0	0	9
2018 (So.)...	58	674	11.6	6	48	19	199	10.5	1	82
2019 (Jr.)...	68	858	12.6	6	49	7	46	6.6	0	14
CAREER.....	183	2341	12.8	17	49	27	254	9.4	1	82

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2019 (Jr.)...	1	10	10.0	0	10

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	0/0	0	0
2018 (So.)...	1	1	0	1.000	36	1	36	0	0/0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	1	1	0	1.000	36	1	36	5	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TYLER VAUGHNS

2019

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	11	150	13.6	0	41	1	3	3.0	0	3
Stanford*	5	106	21.2	1	31	1	14	14.0	0	14
BYU*	7	65	9.3	0	15	1	4	4.0	0	4
Utah*	4	49	12.3	1	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	4	44	11.0	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	47	11.8	1	18	1	6	6.0	0	6
Arizona*	7	73	10.4	1	30	3	19	6.3	0	10
Colorado*	8	104	13.0	1	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	8	75	9.4	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	39	9.8	0	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	6	106	17.7	1	49	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019 (Jr.)...	68	858	12.6	6	49	7	46	6.6	0	14

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Arizona	1	10	10.0	0	10
2019 (Jr.)...	1	10	10.0	0	10

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(75) ALIJAH VERA-TUCKER
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 310, So.*/Jr.
Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 24 games in his career, starting 12.

2019: Vera-Tucker did an outstanding job while starting all 12 games at left offensive guard as a sophomore in 2019. He made **2019 Pro Football Focus All-American third team, All-Pac-12 second team and AP All-Pac-12 first team**. He was **USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year**.

(46) SCOTT VOIGT
Tight End, 6-3, 210, Jr.*/Sr.
Darien, CT (Darien HS)

2019: Voigt did not see action as a reserve walk-on tight end as a junior in 2019. He joined the USC football team in the spring of 2019; before that, he was on USC's club ice hockey team in 2018 and 2019. He was **USC's Co-Offensive Service Team Players of the Year**.

(72) ANDREW VORHEES
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 315, Jr./Jr.
Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 27 games in his career, with 20 starts at right offensive guard.

2019: Vorhees saw key action in USC's first 2 games (Fresno State, Stanford) as the backup right offensive guard as a junior in 2019. He suffered an ankle injury against Stanford and was sidelined the rest of the 2019 season, allowing him to redshirt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2017 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(22) JACK WEBSTER
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 190, So.*/Jr.
La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola HS)

2019: Webster saw brief action in 3 games (Arizona, California, UCLA) as a backup wide receiver as a walk-on sophomore in 2019, but he did not catch a pass.

(7) CHASE WILLIAMS
Cornerback, 6-2, 195, Fr.*/So.
Corona, CA (Roosevelt HS)

CAREER: He has 33 tackles, including 2 for losses of 4 yards, in his career while appearing in 15 games, with 5 starts.

2019: Williams saw key action at safety and nickelback as a redshirt freshman cornerback in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but UCLA) and starting 4 times (Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State), he had 29 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 2 yards. He suffered a foot injury at California and missed the UCLA game.

He had a tackle against Fresno State, 3 tackles (1 for a loss) against Stanford, 1 tackle each versus BYU and Utah, 4 tackles at Washington, 1 tackle at Notre Dame, 2 tackles against Arizona, 6 tackles at Colorado, 5 tackles against Oregon, 3 tackles at Arizona State and 2 tackles at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	4	1/2	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	29	1/2	0	0
CAREER.....	33	2/4	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHASE WILLIAMS

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	3	1/2	0	0
BYU	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Washington*	4	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	5	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	0/0	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	29	1/2	0	0

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(14) JAYDEN WILLIAMS
Cornerback, 6-1, 195, Fr./Fr.
East Riverside, CA (Centennial HS)

2019: Williams saw action at cornerback and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 11 games (all but Stanford), he had 6 tackles. He had 1 tackle at Washington, 4 tackles against Arizona and 1 tackle against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JAYDEN WILLIAMS

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Washington	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	4	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(24) MAX WILLIAMS
Cornerback, 5-9, 180, Fr./Fr.
Carson, CA (Serra HS)

2019: Williams, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action at nickelback as a first-year freshman cornerback in 2019. Overall in 2019 while appearing in 4 games (Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon) and starting twice (Washington and Arizona), he had 6 tackles, including a 3-yard sack, plus a deflection and a forced fumble. He missed USC's first 2 games (Fresno State and Stanford) while recovering from a 2018 high school knee injury, then sprained his ankle against Oregon and missed USC's last 3 games (Arizona State, California, UCLA). He was limited in 2019 spring practice while recovering from a 2018 high school knee injury.

He had 2 tackles (with a sack) and a forced fumble against Washington while making his first start, a tackle each against Arizona and Colorado and 2 tackles and a deflection against Oregon.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2019 (Fr.)...	6	1/3	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MAX WILLIAMS

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Washington*	2	1/3	0	0
Arizona*	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	1	0
2019 (Fr.)...	6	1/3	1	0

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(17) ZACH WILSON
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 205, Fr.*/So.
Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro HS)

2019: Wilson saw brief action in 1 game (Arizona) as a backup wide receiver as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019, but he did not catch a pass.

(34) ELI'JAH WINSTON
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 240, Fr.*/So.
Portland, OR (Central Catholic HS)

CAREER: He has 9 tackles, with 1 for a loss of 2 yards, in his career. He has appeared in 10 games, with 1 start.

2019: Winston saw key action in USC's last 6 games (Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State, California, UCLA) as a backup outside linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2019. He started once (Arizona State). Overall in 2019, he had 8 tackles, including 1 for a 2-yard loss. He suffered a sprained right ankle in 2019 fall camp and was sidelined for USC's first 6 games. He had 2 tackles at Colorado, 1 tackle against Oregon, a tackle for loss at Arizona State, a tackle at California and 3 tackles against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2018 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	8	1/2	0	0
CAREER.....	9	1/2	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ELI'JAH WINSTON

2019

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Colorado	2	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	1	1/2	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	3	0/0	0	0
2019 (Fr.)...	8	1/2	0	0

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(82) JUDE WOLFE
Tight End, 6-5, 250, Fr./Fr.
Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)

2019: Wolfe, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 4 games (Notre Dame, Arizona, Colorado, Arizona State) at tight end as a first-year freshman in 2019, but he did not catch a pass. He was able to redshirt. He was slowed for some of 2019 spring drills with a back injury.

(67) MARK ZUVICH
Offensive Guard-Center, 6-3, 260, Fr.*/So.
Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills HS)

2019: Zuvich did not see action as a backup offensive guard and center as a walk-on redshirt freshman in 2019.

2019 USC FOOTBALL ALL-STAR HONORS

Head Coach **Clay Helton**
Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week (9/23)

ILB **Matt Bayle**
USC Co-Defensive Service Team Player of the Year

TB **Kenan Christon**
Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week (11/11)

OG **Jacob Daniel**
USC Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award

QB **Matt Fink**
USC Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award
Manning Award Star of the Week (9/23)
Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 (9/23)

CB **Olaijah Griffin**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

P **Ben Griffiths**
AP All-Pac-12 second team
Ray Guy Award Ray's 8 (9/23)
Ray Guy Award Ray's 8 (10/28)

ILB **John Houston Jr.**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Most Inspirational Player
USC Captain
East-West Shrine Game invitee

ILB **Jordan Iosefa**
USC Captain

S **Talanoa Hufanga**
All-Pac-12 second team
USC Co-Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year
Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (11/25)

OT **Austin Jackson**
All-Pac-12 first team
USC Chris Carlisle Courage Award
Pac-12 Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/9)

DL **Drake Jackson**
247 Sports Freshman All-American first team
Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American second team
All-Pac-12 second team
AP All-Pac-12 second team
Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honorable mention
The Athletic Midseason Freshman All-American

ILB **Grant Jones**
USC Co-Defensive Service Team Players of the Year

WR **Velus Jones Jr.**
All-Pac-12 second team (as a return specialist)

TB **Quincy Jountti**
USC Joe Collins Walk-on Award
USC Lifters Award

TE **Erik Krommenhoek**
USC Bob Chandler Award

WR **Drake London**
Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team
Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week (11/18)

TE **Sean Mahoney**
USC Co-Defensive Service Team Player of the Year

PK **Chase McGrath**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Special Teams Player of the Year

WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**
Pop Warner College Football Award winner
Biletnikoff Award finalist
Witten Award finalist
Lombardi Award semifinalist
AP All-American second team
Football Coaches All-American second team
Football Writers All-American second team
Walter Camp All-American second team
CBSSports.com All-American second team
The Athletic All-American second team
Pro Football Focus All-American honorable mention
All-Pac12 first team (as a wide receiver)
All-Pac-12 second team (as a special teams player)
AP All-Pac-12 first team
USC MVP
USC Community Service Award
USC Lifters Award
USC Captain
Senior Bowl invitee

S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**
USC Co-Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year

DL **Christian Rector**
USC Trojan Commitment Award
USC Captain

OT **Drew Richmond**
USC John McKay Award
East-West Shrine Bowl invitee

QB **Kedon Slovis**
Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team
Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
AP Pac-12 Newcomer of the Year
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (9/9)
Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week (9/9)
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (9/9)
Manning Award Star of the Week (9/9)
CFPA National Performer of Week (9/8)
CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (9/8)
Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week (10/28)
Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 (10/28)
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (11/11)
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (11/11)
Manning Award Star of the Week (11/11)
CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (11/10)
CFPA National Performer of Week (11/17)
Pro Football Focus National QB of the Week (11/18)
Manning Award Star of the Week (11/18)
Maxwell Award National Player of the Week (11/20)
Manning Award Star of the Week (11/25)
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (11/25)
CFPA National Performer of Week hon. men. (11/26)

WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown**
USC Trojan Way Leadership Award
Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (11/11)

DL **Jay Tufele**
All-Pac-12 first team
AP All-Pac-12 second team
USC Defensive Lineman of the Year

WR **Tyler Vaughns**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year

OG **Alijah Vera-Tucker**
Pro Football Focus All-American third team
All-Pac-12 second team
AP All-Pac-12 first team
USC Offensive Lineman of the Year

TE **Scott Voigt**
USC Co-Offensive Service Team Players of the Year

CLAY HELTON
USC HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

It didn't take long for Clay Helton to make his mark as USC football's head coach.

The 47-year-old Helton is 40-21 (.656) as the Trojan head coach, with 12 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 in the Top 5 and 4 in the Top 10. He is 8-4 in 2019, with wins over No. 23 Stanford and No. 10 Utah (for which he was named the **Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week**). He was 5-7 in 2018, with a win over No. 19 Colorado. He went 11-3 in 2017 with wins over No. 14 Stanford twice (including in the Pac-12 Championship Game) and No. 23 Arizona, 10-3 in 2016 with wins over No. 4 Washington, No. 5 Penn State in a legendary Rose Bowl thriller and No. 21 Colorado, 5-4 in 2015 with wins over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA, and 1-0 in 2013, beating No. 21 Fresno State.

He was the first USC head coach to have 10-win seasons in each of his first 2 full seasons and he had more wins (21) in his first 2 full seasons than any USC coach. He led USC to a 19-game home winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001-04), a 14-game Pac-12 home game winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001 to 2004), a 13-game overall winning streak from 2016 to 2017 (its longest since 2003-04) and a 13-game winning streak over Power 5 opponents from 2016 to 2017. He is 24-4 in the Coliseum. He is 31-12 (.721) versus Pac-12 foes, including 20-4 (.833) against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career losses came while serving as USC's interim head coach.

His 2019 Trojans, with only 4 senior starters and despite being marred by injuries in which 26 starters or key backups missed action, rebounded well from a down 2018 season. USC won 5 of its last 6 regular season games to go 8-4 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12 South, qualifying for the Holiday Bowl. The Trojans gave Utah its only regular season loss. Two of USC's losses were by a field goal, including one in overtime on the road. Troy did this despite starting 3 different quarterbacks and entering games down to a fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or both starting defensive ends.

His 2018 Trojans--which featured young players in key positions--were 5-7 overall, with the last 4 losses all by 7 points or less, and went 4-5 in Pac-12 play. JT Daniels, who threw for 2,672 yards for USC just a season after graduating high school a year early, was just the second Trojan true freshman to start a season opener at quarterback. Wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown was just the fourth USC true freshman to lead the Trojans in season receptions (60). Defensive lineman Jay Tufele was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Inside linebacker Cameron Smith was the first Trojan in nearly 40 years to lead the team in tackles in 3 consecutive years. Iman Marshall was USC's first four-year starting cornerback in 20 years.

In 2017 while guiding USC's 125th team, his Trojans were 11-3 (ranked 12th in the final AP poll) despite playing all 12 regular season games without a bye. It was USC's most wins since 2008 and its first back-to-back 10-win seasons since 2007-08. He led USC to an 8-1 Pac-12 record (the loss was by 3 points on a Friday night on the road on a late field goal) and its first Pac-12 title since 2008 by winning the Pac-12 Championship Game (the first ever by a South Division team). Troy played in the Cotton Bowl Classic. He was the **2017 AP Pac-12 Coach of the Year** and a finalist for the **2017 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** (the second consecutive year he has been a finalist).

Tailback Ronald Jones II and outside linebacker Uchenna Nwosu were All-American first teamers (Jones had his second straight 1,000-yard rushing season and was a finalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award), quarterback Sam Darnold was a finalist for the Manning Award (he set USC's season passing yardage and total yardage records) and was the third pick of the NFL Draft and defensive lineman Rasheem Green, inside linebacker Cameron Smith, safety Marvell Tell III and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. joined that trio on the All-Pac-12 first team, while wide receiver Deontay Burnett had 1,000 receiving yards. USC's 484.1 yards of total offense in 2017 was its highest average since 2005 (and that was on the heels of 2016's 477.1, the previous high since 2005). The Trojans had at least 600 yards of total offense 3 times in 2017 (the other Pac-12 teams combined had 6). USC's defense tied for the national lead in sacks (46) in 2017.

After the 2017 season, Helton had his contract extended through the 2023 season.

After his Trojans started off 1-3 in 2016 in his first full season as head coach (all 3 losses were to AP Top 25 teams away from home), USC went on a 9-game winning streak (its longest since 2008-09) to rise to a final No. 3 national AP ranking (USC's highest since 2008 and the highest ever of any 3-loss team) and earn a berth in the Rose Bowl (finishing second in the Pac-12 South at 7-2) while playing a schedule ranked among the 10 most difficult in the nation. Troy capped the season with an instant classic 52-49 at-the-gun victory over No. 5 Penn State in the Rose Bowl. He guided USC to wins over UCLA and Notre Dame and in the Rose Bowl, just the 13th season that has happened in Trojan history. USC was perfect (6-0) at home for the first time since 2008 and undefeated in the greater Los Angeles area (8-0). His Trojans beat both teams (No. 4 Washington and No. 21 Colorado) that played in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

Under Helton's guidance in 2016, Adoree' Jackson was named the Thorpe Award winner, a consensus All-American first teamer, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a finalist for the Hornung Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. Sam Darnold was a Manning Award finalist and a Freshman All-American first teamer and both Zach Banner and Chad Wheeler were All-American first team and All-Pac-12 first team picks. USC's offense had at least 400 total yards in its last 10 games, while its defense held 7 opponents to season lows in points. Helton was named a finalist for the **2016 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** and won the **Football Writers First Year Co-Coach of the Year Award**. He served as the grand marshal of the 2017 Long Beach Grand Prix and he threw out the first pitch at a Dodgers game in April.

After starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Helton was named USC's permanent head coach on Nov. 30 of that year (for 2 post-season games), dropping the interim head coach title he had held since Oct. 12 (for USC's final 7 regular season games). He signed a 5-year contract.

Helton guided the 2015 Trojans to 5 wins in the last 6 regular-season games (including victories over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA), the co-championship of the challenging Pac-12 South Division, a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. He was named the **2015 Los Angeles Sports Council Coach of the Year**.

As the coordinator of USC's offense in 2015, the Trojans ranked ninth nationally in fumbles lost (5) , 11th in both passes had intercepted (7) and completion percentage (.667), 16th in fourth down conversions (.654) and 20th in passing efficiency (153.6). USC averaged 437.9 total yards and 33.9 points a game. Quarterback Cody Kessler, a finalist for the Unitas Award and a NFL Draft third round pick, ranked in the national Top 20 in completion percentage (13th at .668), passing TDs (15th at 29) and passing efficiency (19th at 151.7). Kessler ended his career in USC's career Top 4 in TD passes, completions, passing yards and total offense (and set school career records for completion percentage and interception rate). All-Pac-12 first team wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster was in the Top 20 nationally in receiving yards (11th at 103.9), receiving TDs (17th at 10) and receptions (20th at 6.4). Tailbacks Justin Davis and Ronald Jones II each had 900-plus yard rushing seasons. Jones set the USC frosh season rushing record and was just the second Trojan first-year freshman to top the squad in rushing.

Helton joined the USC staff in February of 2010 as the quarterbacks coach after spending 10 seasons as an assistant at Memphis. He added the passing game coordinator role in 2012 and became the offensive coordinator in 2013.

In 2014, quarterback Cody Kessler had the most efficient passing season in USC history (69.7%, 39 TDs, 5 interceptions) while setting USC season records for completions (315), completion percentage (69.7), passing efficiency (167.1) and interception rate (1.11) and tying USC season marks for TD passes (39) and 300-yard passing games (7). He also threw a school record 7 TD passes against Colorado and a Notre Dame opponents record 6 TDs against the Irish. USC's offense ranked in the national Top 25 in passing efficiency, passing offense, third down conversions and scoring offense in 2014. USC played in the 2014 Holiday Bowl.

In 2013, he served as USC's interim head coach in its victory over Fresno State in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Trojan offense was in the national Top 25 in red zone scoring.

In 2012, quarterback Matt Barkley won the Wuerrfel Trophy and was a finalist for the Manning Award, Unitas Golden Arm Award, Senior CLASS Award and ARA Sportsmanship Award as he became the Pac-12 career recordholder for passing yards (12,327), completions (1,001), touchdowns (116) and total offense (12,214). He also was a 2012 National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete. He was a fourth round pick in the 2013 NFL draft. USC played in the 2012 Sun Bowl.

In 2011, Barkley was a Manning Award and Wuerrfel Trophy finalist as he set the Pac-12 season record for TD passes (39) and the USC season mark for pass completion percentage (69.1%), as well as school game standards for completions (35), pass yardage (468), passing TDs (6) and total offense (470). He was eighth nationally in passing efficiency and 16th in total offense. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Helton began his 10-year (2000-09) Memphis career as the running backs coach for 3 seasons, then coached the Tigers' receivers for the next 4 seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach the final 3 years. He served as Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery.

Among the Tigers' running backs he tutored was school rushing/scoring/all-purpose running recordholder DeAngelo Williams, who went on to finish seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2005 and be an NFL first round selection.

As the receivers coach, he produced a pair of Conference USA All-Freshman picks in Maurice Jones (2005) and Duke Calhoun (2006), as well as the school's No. 4 all-time receptions leader in Ryan Scott. In 2003, Memphis set school season records for receptions and receiving yardage.

As the Tigers' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, the 2007 and 2008 offenses were among the top 6 in school history in total yards and points. Both squads were ranked in the top 26 nationally in total offense. Quarterback Martin Hankins became Memphis' No. 2 career passer and set single season records for completions, passing yards and touchdown passes in 2007. In 2009, Curtis Steele had his second consecutive season with 1,000 rushing yards, Calhoun became the school's all-time leading receiver and Carlos Singleton set the career mark for receiving touchdowns.

Memphis played in 5 bowls during Helton's time: the 2003 and 2007 New Orleans Bowls, 2004 GMAC Bowl, 2005 Motor City Bowl and 2008 St. Petersburg Bowl.

Helton was hired as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arkansas State after the 2009 season, but was there just 2 months before coming to USC.

Before Memphis, he was the running backs coach at Houston, his alma mater, for 3 seasons (1997-99), working under his father, head coach Kim Helton.

He began his coaching career at Duke, serving as a graduate assistant in 1995 and then the running backs coach in 1996.

He played quarterback at Houston in 1993 and 1994, playing for his father both seasons and captaining the Cougars as a 1994 senior. In 1993, he completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in Houston's 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.

He spent 1991 and 1992 at Auburn, where he earned 1992 SEC All-Academic honors. He redshirted there in 1990.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and interdisciplinary science from Houston in 1994.

He prepped at Clements High in Sugar Land (Tex.)

He was born on June 24, 1972. He and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: sons Reid (a USC student), 22, and Turner, 16, and daughter Aubrey, 20. Besides being Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, his father, Kim, was an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida. His brother, Tyson, was the quarterbacks coach and pass game coordinator at USC (2016-17) until becoming Tennessee's offensive coordinator in 2018 and now the head coach at Western Kentucky (he previously had assistant coaching stops at Western Kentucky, Cincinnati, Alabama Birmingham, Memphis and Hawaii and played at Houston).

CLAY HELTON YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
1995	Duke	Graduate Assistant	--
1996	Duke	Running Backs	--
1997	Houston	Running Backs	--
1998	Houston	Running Backs	--
1999	Houston	Running Backs	--
2000	Memphis	Running Backs	--
2001	Memphis	Running Backs	--
2002	Memphis	Running Backs	--
2003	Memphis	Receivers	New Orleans
2004	Memphis	Receivers	GMAC
2005	Memphis	Receivers	Motor City
2006	Memphis	Receivers	--
2007	Memphis	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	New Orleans
2008	Memphis	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	St. Petersburg
2009	Memphis	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	--
2010	USC	Quarterbacks	--
2011	USC	Quarterbacks	--
2012	USC	Passing Game Coord./Quarterbacks	Sun
2013	USC	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks*	Las Vegas
2014	USC	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Holiday
2015	USC	Off. Coord./QBs/Head Coach#	Holiday
2016	USC	Head Coach (10-3)	Rose
2017	USC	Head Coach (11-2)	Cotton
2018	USC	Head Coach (5-7)	--
2019	USC	Head Coach (8-4)	Holiday

*1-0 as USC's interim head coach for bowl game
#5-2 as USC's interim head coach for last 7 games of regular season and 0-2 as permanent head coach in post-season

2019 USC FOOTBALL STATISTICS

2019 USC Football
USC Overall Team Statistics (Nov 23, 2019)
All games

Team Statistics	USC	OPP
SCORING	398	333
Points Per Game	33.2	27.8
Points Off Turnovers	44	79
FIRST DOWNS	281	277
Rushing	88	116
Passing	169	129
Penalty	24	32
RUSHING YARDAGE	1533	1998
Yards gained rushing	1856	2293
Yards lost rushing	323	295
Rushing Attempts	376	433
Average Per Rush	4.1	4.6
Average Per Game	127.8	166.5
TDs Rushing	17	16
PASSING YARDAGE	4031	2987
Comp-Att-Int	331-466-14	263-432-9
Average Per Pass	8.7	6.9
Average Per Catch	12.2	11.4
Average Per Game	335.9	248.9
TDs Passing	33	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	5564	4985
Total Plays	842	865
Average Per Play	6.6	5.8
Average Per Game	463.7	415.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	39-825	34-960
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	20-112	8-58
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-81	14-163
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.2	28.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.6	7.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.0	11.6
FUMBLES-LOST	19-9	12-7
PENALTIES-Yards	87-856	98-822
Average Per Game	71.3	68.5
PUNTS-Yards	48-1988	53-2254
Average Per Punt	41.4	42.5
Net punt average	39.0	39.3
KICKOFFS-Yards	75-4370	69-4153
Average Per Kick	58.3	60.2
Net kick average	36.5	39.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:04	30:56
3RD-DOWN Conversions	70/155	64/164
3rd-Down Pct	45%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/10	9/18
4th-Down Pct	60%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	33-201	24-167
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	51	40
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	13-15	18-25
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(42-50) 84%	(38-45) 84%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(31-50) 62%	(26-45) 58%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(51-51) 100%	(37-38) 97%
ATTENDANCE	356150	356644
Games/Avg Per Game	6/59358	6/59441
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
USC	116	83	96	103	0	398
Opponents	65	108	73	84	3	333

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All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Malepeai, Vavae	7	97	478	12	466	4.8	6	26	66.6
Christon, Kenan	6	68	399	26	373	5.5	2	55	62.2
Carr, Stephen	9	67	412	40	372	5.6	4	60	41.3
Stepp, Markese	6	48	313	6	307	6.4	3	35	51.2
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	7	63	3	60	8.6	1	37	5.0
Jountti, Quincy	12	13	40	2	38	2.9	0	6	3.2
Davis, Dominic	9	2	15	0	15	7.5	0	11	1.7
Fink, Matt	7	10	23	19	4	0.4	1	8	0.6
Daniels, JT	1	3	8	14	-6	-2.0	0	5	-6.0
Slovis, Kedon	11	43	87	135	-48	-1.1	0	9	-4.4
TEAM	10	18	18	66	-48	-2.7	0	16	-4.8
Total	12	376	1856	323	1533	4.1	17	60	127.8
Opponents	12	433	2293	295	1998	4.6	16	89	166.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Slovis, Kedon	11	167.60	260-362-9	71.8	3242	28	95	294.7
Fink, Matt	7	142.02	46-70-4	65.7	574	4	77	82.0
Daniels, JT	1	130.47	25-34-1	73.5	215	1	28	215.0
Total	12	161.05	331-466-14	71.0	4031	33	95	335.9
Opponents	12	131.60	263-432-9	60.9	2987	22	71	248.9

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pittman, Michael	12	95	1222	12.9	11	77	101.8
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	68	879	12.9	6	95	73.2
Vaughns, Tyler	12	68	858	12.6	6	49	71.5
London, Drake	12	35	533	15.2	4	46	44.4
Carr, Stephen	9	19	137	7.2	1	21	15.2
Krommenhoek, Erik	12	11	122	11.1	0	60	10.2
Malepeai, Vavae	7	11	59	5.4	0	11	8.4
Christon, Kenan	6	9	113	12.6	3	58	18.8
Jones, Velus	11	6	35	5.8	0	8	3.2
Falo, Josh	10	4	23	5.8	1	12	2.3
McClain, Munir	5	3	19	6.3	0	9	3.8
Ford, Kyle	3	1	20	20.0	1	20	6.7
Williams, Devon	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Total	12	331	4031	12.2	33	95	335.9
Opponents	12	263	2987	11.4	22	71	248.9

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	66	5.5	0	24
Vaughns, Tyler	7	46	6.6	0	14
Pittman, Michael	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	20	112	5.6	0	24
Opponents	8	58	7.2	0	19

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Pola-Mao, Isaiah	4	38	9.5	0	24
Johnson, Greg	2	32	16.0	0	32
Mauga, Kana'i	1	11	11.0	0	11
Taylor-Stuart, Isaac	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rector, Christian	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	9	81	9.0	0	32
Opponents	14	163	11.6	1	45

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jones, Velus	28	685	24.5	1	100
Carr, Stephen	6	106	17.7	0	33
Pittman, Michael	1	0	0.0	0	0
Christon, Kenan	1	20	20.0	0	20
Mauga, Kana'i	1	0	0.0	0	0
Vaughns, Tyler	1	10	10.0	0	10
McKenzie, Jalen	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	39	825	21.2	1	100
Opponents	34	960	28.2	1	100

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	3	3.0	0	3

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT kick	PAT rush	PAT rcv	PAT pass	dxp	saf	pts
McGrath, Chase	-	13-15	51-51	-	-	-	-	-	90
Pittman, Michael	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Vaughns, Tyler	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Malepeai, Vavae	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Christon, Kenan	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Carr, Stephen	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
London, Drake	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Stepp, Markese	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jones, Velus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ford, Kyle	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Falo, Josh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fink, Matt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson, Drake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	51	13-15	51-51	-	-	-	-	1	398
Opponents	40	18-25	37-38	-	1	1-2	-	-	333

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Slovis, Kedon	11	405	-48	3242	3194	290.4
Fink, Matt	7	80	4	574	578	82.6
Malepeai, Vavae	7	97	466	0	466	66.6
Christon, Kenan	6	68	373	0	373	62.2
Carr, Stephen	9	67	372	0	372	41.3
Stepp, Markese	6	48	307	0	307	51.2
Daniels, JT	1	37	-6	215	209	209.0
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	7	60	0	60	5.0
Jountti, Quincy	12	13	38	0	38	3.2
Davis, Dominic	9	2	15	0	15	1.7
TEAM	10	18	-48	0	-48	-4.8
Total	12	842	1533	4031	5564	463.7
Opponents	12	865	1998	2987	4985	415.4

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
McGrath, Chase	13-15	86.7	0-0	4-4	5-5	3-5	1-1	52	0

FG Sequence	USC	Opponents
Fresno State	(38)	(45),(46),(28)
Stanford	(23)	(32),(37),39,47
BYU	(27),(52)	(23),44,(32),(43)
Utah	-	41,(38),(24),(38)
Washington	-	(28),(35)
Notre Dame	(40),(27)	(45),(52),(43)
Arizona	(31),(38)	56,50
Colorado	40	(22)
Oregon	(24)	-
Arizona State	(41)	-
California	(41),(32)	(37)
UCLA	(31),45	54

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Griffiths, Ben	48	1988	41.4	55	3	26	21	8	0
Total	48	1988	41.4	55	3	26	21	8	0
Opponents	53	2254	42.5	63	3	19	25	12	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Stadthaus, Alex	59	3441	58.3	19	0			
Brown, Michael	16	929	58.1	8	1			
Total	75	4370	58.3	27	1	28.2	36.5	28
Opponents	69	4153	60.2	25	3	21.2	39.2	25

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Pittman, Michael	12	0	1222	0	0	0	1222	101.8
St. Brown, Amon	12	60	879	66	0	0	1005	83.8
Vaughns, Tyler	12	0	858	46	10	0	914	76.2
Jones, Velus	11	0	35	0	685	0	720	65.5
Carr, Stephen	9	372	137	0	106	0	615	68.3
London, Drake	12	0	533	0	0	0	533	44.4
Malepeai, Vavae	7	466	59	0	0	0	525	75.0
Christon, Kenan	6	373	113	0	20	0	506	84.3
Stepp, Markese	6	307	0	0	0	0	307	51.2
Krommenhoek,	12	0	122	0	0	0	122	10.2
Pola-Mao, Isaiah	12	0	0	0	0	38	38	3.2
Jountti, Quincy	12	38	0	0	0	0	38	3.2
Johnson, Greg	10	0	0	0	0	32	32	3.2
Falo, Josh	10	0	23	0	0	0	23	2.3
Ford, Kyle	3	0	20	0	0	0	20	6.7
McClain, Munir	5	0	19	0	0	0	19	3.8
Davis, Dominic	9	15	0	0	0	0	15	1.7
Mauga, Kana'i	12	0	0	0	0	11	11	0.9
Williams, Devon	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
McKenzie, Jalen	12	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.3
Fink, Matt	7	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.6
Daniels, JT	1	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-6.0
Slovis, Kedon	11	-48	0	0	0	0	-48	-4.4
TEAM	10	-48	0	0	0	0	-48	-4.8
Total	12	1533	4031	112	825	81	6582	548.5
Opponents	12	1998	2987	58	960	163	6166	513.8

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USC Game Results (Nov 23, 2019)
All games

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
08/31/19	FRESNO STATE	W	31-23	1-0	0-0	3:41	57329
*09/07/19	#23 STANFORD	W	45-20	2-0	1-0	3:10	62109
09/14/19	at BYU	Lo	27-30	2-1	1-0	3:49	62546
*09/20/19	#10 UTAH	W	30-23	3-1	2-0	3:20	55719
*09/28/19	at #17 Washington	L	14-28	3-2	2-1	3:14	66975
10/12/19	at #9 Notre Dame	L	27-30	3-3	2-1	3:16	77622
*10/19/19	ARIZONA	W	41-14	4-3	3-1	3:17	53826
*10/25/19	at Colorado	W	35-31	5-3	4-1	3:25	48913
*11/02/19	#7 OREGON	L	24-56	5-4	4-2	3:34	63011
*11/09/19	at Arizona State	W	31-26	6-4	5-2	3:35	54191
*11/16/19	at California	W	41-17	7-4	6-2	3:17	46397
*11/23/19	UCLA	W	52-35	8-4	7-2	3:40	64156

2019 USC Football
USC Overall Defensive Statistics (Nov 23, 2019)
All games

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Houston, John	12	63	37	100	6.5-13	2.5-8	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
15	Hufanga, Talanoa	9	50	26	76	5.5-29	2.5-21	.	3	.	.	1	.	.
21	Pola-Mao, Isaiah	12	41	27	68	4.5-24	1.5-13	4-38	2	.	.	.	.	.
26	Mauga, Kana'i	12	30	27	57	7.0-25	3.0-20	1-11	2	.	.	1	.	.
1	Gaoteote, Palaie	7	29	21	50	2.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Tuipulotu, Marlon	11	22	22	44	6.0-19	2.0-10	.	3	.	.	1	.	.
99	Jackson, Drake	10	24	17	41	11.5-60	5.5-44	.	3	.	.	1	.	1
78	Tufele, Jay	12	19	20	39	6.5-28	4.5-22	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
6	Taylor-Stuart, Isaac	11	27	9	36	1.0-1	.	1-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
2	Griffin, Olaijah	10	21	13	34	0.5-1	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.
8	Steele, Chris	11	23	10	33	1.0-1	.	.	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
9	Johnson, Greg	10	22	8	30	1.0-4	.	2-32	4	1	1-0	1	.	.
7	Williams, Chase	11	20	9	29	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Pili, Brandon	12	9	8	17	5.0-18	1.5-12	.	3	1	.	1	.	.
96	Tremblay, Caleb	11	10	6	16	3.0-21	2.0-18	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
89	Rector, Christian	9	9	7	16	2.0-2	1.0-1	1-0	1	1	.	.	.	.
28	Pollard, C.J.	11	10	5	15	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Falaniko, Juliano	10	6	6	12	1.5-3	0.5-1	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31	Echols, Hunter	10	5	4	9	1.5-10	1.5-10	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
50	Figueroa, Nick	12	4	5	9	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	Hewett, Dorian	9	7	2	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
34	Winston, Eli'jah	6	2	6	8	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	McMillan, Jordan	5	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Williams, Jayden	11	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Williams, Max	4	5	1	6	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
19	Goforth, Ralen	11	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2G	Jountti, Quincy	12	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Makaula, Kaulana	4	3	3	6	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
25	Allen, Briton	10	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Murphy, Connor	12	3	1	4	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
38	Stadthaus, Alex	11	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0A	Jones, Velus	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2A	Vaughns, Tyler	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0F	Pittman, Michael	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Benton, De'jon	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Tufono, Maninoa	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Johnson, Damon	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
62	Neilon, Brett	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	McClain, Abdul-Malik	5	2	.	2	2.0-11	2.0-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4X	Brown, Michael	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Scott, Raymond	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Otey, Adonis	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Gilbert, Spencer	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	10	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	McKenzie, Jalen	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Falo, Josh	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Jackson, Austin	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
	Total	12	501	322	823	75-289	33-201	9-81	48	6	7-0	7	2	1
	Opponents	12	471	388	859	63-283	24-167	14-163	45	12	9-3	14	.	.

2019 USC FOOTBALL GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in bold face)

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	Iowa
Rushing: TCB-NET-TD													
Malepeai	**23-134**-1	**12-42**-2	**23-96**-1	**11-39**-0	**10**-49-0	8-46-0	--	--	--	--	--	10-60-2	
Christon	--	--	--	--	--	--	8-**103**-2	**14-76**-0	**15-79**-0	**20-62**-0	**9-44**-0	2-9-0	
Carr	6-56-1	6-33-1	9-22-0	3-(-16)-0	7-**94**-0	9-44-0	7-33-0	--	--	--	**9**-19-1	**11-87**-1	
Stepp	--	3-33-0	9-53-0	3-11-1	**10**-62-0	**10-82**-1	**13**-66-1	--	--	--	--	--	
St. Brown	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-50-1	1-2-0	3-8-0	--	--	
Jountti	--	--	--	--	--	--	4-13-0	2-5-0	3-5-0	1-1-0	3-14-0	--	
Davis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-15-0	--	--	--	
Fink	--	--	--	2-(-6)-0	6-7-1	--	--	--	--	--	2-3-0	--	
Daniels	3-(-6)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Slovis	2-(-1)-0	6-12-0	4-0-0	--	--	8-(-1)-0	3-(-10)-0	4-(-6)-0	4-(-10)-0	3-3-0	3-(-22)-0	6-(-13)-0	
Team	2-(-8)-0	1-(-5)-0	--	3-(-15)-0	--	--	1-(-4)-0	3-(-13)-0	--	1-(-4)-0	1-(-2)-0	3-(-15)-0	
Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD													
Slovis	8-6-1	33-**28**-0	34-**24**-3	2-2-0	--	35-**24**-0	28-**19**-0	44-**30**-1	57-**32**-3	39-**29**-1	35-**29**-0	47-**37**-0	
	57-0	**377**-3	**281**-2	17-0		**255**-2	**232**-2	**406**-4	**264**-3	**432**-4	**406**-4	**515**-4	
Fink	--	--	--	30-**21**-1	32-**19**-3	--	2-2-0	--	--	6-4-0	--	--	
				351-3	**163**-1		15-0			45-0			
Daniels	34-**25**-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
	215-1												
Receiving: NO-YDS-TD													
Pittman	6-28-0	6-82-0	**9-95**-2	**10-232**-1	4-**64**-1	4-29-0	4-69-1	7-**156**-2	**8**-37-1	**13**-146-0	**11-180**-1	**13**-104-2	
St. Brown	5-38-0	**8**-97-2	1-4-0	5-68-1	**5**-31-0	**8-112**-1	3-27-0	5-55-0	7-61-0	8-**173**-1	5-85-1	8-128-0	
Vaughns	**11-150**-0	5-**106**-1	7-65-0	4-49-1	4-44-0	4-47-1	**7-73**-1	**8**-104-1	**8-75**-0	4-39-0	--	6-106-1	
London	--	3-62-0	--	--	--	--	4-52-0	7-85-0	4-51-1	3-30-1	6-111-1	8-**142**-1	
Carr	6-43-1	1-3-0	3-29-0	2-7-0	1-0-0	2-21-0	1-11-0	--	--	--	2-2-0	1-21-0	
Krommenhoek	1-5-0	--	1-60-0	--	2-10-0	5-37-0	--	--	1-3-0	1-7-0	--	--	
Malepeai	2-8-0	2-6-0	3-28-0	1-0-0	2-8-0	1-9-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Christon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-1-1	1-5-0	4-82-2	1-11-0	1-14-0	
V. Jones	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-6-0	1-5-0	2-12-0	--	2-12-0	--	
Falo	--	--	--	1-12-0	1-6-0	--	--	--	--	--	2-5-1	--	
M. McClain	--	2-10-0	--	--	--	--	1-9-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Ford	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-20-1	--	--	--	
D. Williams	--	1-11-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Punting: NO-YDS-LONG													
Griffiths	3-111-38	2-84-51	4-154-47	4-169-50	6-246-54	5-211-50	6-266-55	4-184-49	3-109-43	5-181-46	3-151-54	3-122-42	
Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG													
St. Brown	--	--	--	--	1-6-6	1-10-10	--	2-2-4	1-5-5	3-26-24	2-20-13	2-(-3)-0	
Vaughns	1-3-3	1-14-14	1-4-4	--	--	1-6-6	3-19-10	--	--	--	--	--	
Pittman	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG													
V. Jones	4*-161-100	4-79-25	3-67-24	4-102-26	3-78-31	2-48-25	1-15-15	1-24-24	4-87-26	--	1-24-24	--	
Carr	1-7-7	--	3-46-19	1-33-33	--	1-20-20	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Christon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-20-20	
Vaughns	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-10-10	--	--	--	--	--	
McKenzie	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4-4	--	
Mauga	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Pittman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	
*Includes 1 touchdown													
Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD													
Pola-Mao	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-14-0	1-0-0	1-24-0	--	
G. Johnson	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-32-0	--	
Mauga	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-11-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Taylor-Stuart	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	
Rector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	

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Defensive Statistics: TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC													
Houston	**13**-0-1-0	5-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	9-0.5-0-0	**10**-0-0-0	**8**-2-1-0	8-2.5-0-1	**9**-0-1-0	**9**-0.5-0-0	**9**-0-0-0	**5**-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	
Hufanga	8-0-0-0	**10**-1-0-0	**10**-0-1-0	**14**-1.5-0-0	--	6-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	--	--	4-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	**18**-2-1-0	
Pola-Mao	5-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	7-1-0-0	7-0.5-1-0	6-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	12-0-1-0	
Mauga	1-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	--	2-0.5-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	**13**-2-0-0	8-1-0-0	7-1.5-0-0	**9**-0-0-0	**5**-0-0-0	6-1-2-0	
Gaoteote	6-0-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	9-1.5-0-0	**14**-0-0-0	9-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	
Tuipulotu	5-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	5-1.5-0-0	5-0.5-2-0	5-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	3-1.5-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	4-0.5-0-0	2-1-1-0	
D. Jackson	3-1.5-2-0	3-1.5-0-0	3-1.5-1-0	8-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	5-2.5-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	--	--	6-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	
Tufele	4-0-0-0	6-1-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0.5-1-0	3-0-0-0	5-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	
Taylor-Stuart	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	5-0-1-0	--	6-1-1-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	6-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	
Griffin	5-0-1-0	4-0-4-0	4-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	--	3-0.5-0-0	--	5-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-2-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	
Steele	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	5-0-0-1	5-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	--	3-1-0-0	3-0-0-00	1-0-1-0	6-0-0-0	
G. Johnson	2-0-0-0	6-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	6-1-0-1	1-0-1-0	5-0-1-0	--	2-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	--	2-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	
C. Williams	1-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	
Pili	1-0.5-0-0	--	0-0-2-0	1-0-1-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	2-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	
Tremblay	--	1-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	2-0.5-0-0	--	
Rector	4-1-1-0	1-1-0-0	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	
Pollard	--	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	6-1-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	
Falaniko	0-0-0-1	2-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	3-0.5-0-0	--	--	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	
Echols	2-0-0-1	2-0.5-0-0	2-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	--	0-0-1-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Figueroa	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-1	--	--	
Hewett	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	1-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	--	
Winston	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	
McMillan	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	
J. Williams	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	4-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	
M. Williams	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-1-0	--	--	--	
Goforth	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	
Jountti	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	
Makaula	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	--	--	--	2-0-1-0	--	
Allen	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	
Murphy	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-1*-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Stadthaus	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
V. Jones	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Vaughns	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	
Pittman	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	
Benton	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
Tufono	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	
D. Johnson	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	0-0-0-1	--	--	--	--	--	
Neilon	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
A.-M. McClain	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	--	
Brown	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Scott	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
Otey	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Gilbert	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Team	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	
McKenzie	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
Falo	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
A. Jackson	--	0-0-1*-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

*Includes 1 blocked field goal

USC TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	Iowa
First Downs	25	23	22	16	18	25	16	30	31	23	18	34	
Rush	11	7	9	2	8	11	8	8	6	4	5	9	
Pass	12	15	13	12	9	14	8	19	16	17	12	22	
Penalty	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	9	2	1	3	
Rush Attempts	36	29	45	22	33	35	36	26	25	28	27	32	
Yds Gain	203	130	189	55	230	201	220	151	111	89	91	168	
Yds Lost	28	15	18	42	18	30	19	39	20	19	35	40	
Net Yards	175	115	171	13	212	171	201	112	91	70	56	128	
Net Yds Pass	272	377	281	368	163	255	247	406	264	477	406	515	
Pass Att	42	33	34	32	32	35	30	44	57	45	35	47	
Pass Com	31	28	24	23	19	24	21	30	32	33	29	37	
Had Int	2	0	3	1	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	
Tot Off Plays	78	61	79	54	65	70	66	70	82	73	62	79	
Tot Net Yards	447	492	452	381	375	426	448	518	355	547	462	643	
Avg/Play	5.7	8.1	5.7	7.1	5.8	6.1	6.8	7.4	4.6	7.5	7.5	8.1	
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	
Penalties-Yds	4-35	8-93	5-44	11-117	8-80	2-44	10-100	5-50	8-92	11-93	8-75	7-57	
Punts-Yds	3-111	2-84	4-154	4-169	6-246	5-211	6-266	4-184	3-109	5-181	3-151	3-122	
Avg/Punt	37.0	42.0	38.5	42.2	41.0	42.2	44.3	46.0	36.3	36.2	50.3	40.7	
Punt Ret-Yds	1-3	1-14	1-4	0-0	2-6	2-16	3-19	2-2	1-5	3-26	2-20	2-(-3)	
KO Ret-Yds	5-168	4-79	6-113	6-135	4-78	3-68	2-25	1-24	4-87	0-0	3-28	1-20	
Int-Yards	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-11	0-0	1-14	2-0	2-56	1-0	
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Poss Time	28:01	26:31	32:32	21:48	31:09	28:36	29:58	25:53	31:13	31:34	31:52	28:36	
3rd Down Con	6-13	5-9	6-17	5-10	4-13	5-12	7-15	6-12	9-16	6-14	7-13	4-10	
4th Down Con	0-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	
Sacks By-Yds	3-18	3-15	3-23	2-13	2-5	1-1	7-37	1-12	2-16	1-5	5-27	3-29	

Game-By-Game Starters

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	Iowa
Offense													
WR	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	
WR	St. Brown	St. Brown	Falo***	St. Brown	St. Brown	St. Brown	St. Brown	St. Brown	St. Brown	St, Brown	St. Brown	St. Brown	
WR	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	London	Vaughns	
LT	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	A. Jacks'n	
LG	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	V.-Tucker	
C	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Dedich	Dedich	
RG	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	Jimmons	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	
RT	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	McKenzie	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	
TE	London*	London*	Krom'hoek	London*	London*	Krom'hoek	Krom'hoek	London**	London**	Krom'hoek	Falo	London**	
QB	Daniels	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Fink	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	
TB	Malepeai	Malepeai	Malepeai	Malepeai	Malepeai	Malepeai	Carr	V. Jones**	V. Jones**	Christon	Christon	Christon	

*USC started 4 wide receivers
**USC started 5 wide receivers
***USC started 2 tight ends

Defense												
DE	Rector	Rector	Murphy	Rector	Rector	Rector	Echols	Echols	Rector	Rector	Rector	Rector
DT	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele
NT	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Pili	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu
DE	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	Tremblay	Tremblay	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson
SLB	G.Johnson*	Mauga	G.Johnson*	G.Johnson*	M.Williams*	G.Johnson*	M.Williams*	G.Johnson*	G.Johnson*	Winston	G.Johnson*	G.Johnson*
MLB	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
WLB	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga
CB	Griffin	Griffin	Griffin	Griffin	Steele	Griffin	Hewett	Griffin	Griffin	Griffin	Steele	Steele
FS	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	C.Williams	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao
SS	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga	C.Williams	Hufanga	Hufanga	C.Williams	C.Williams	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga
CB	T.-Stuart	T.-Stuart	T.-Stuart	Steele	T.-Stuart	T.-Stuart	Steele	T.-Stuart	T.-Stuart	Steele	T.-Stuart	Steele

*USC started 5 defensive backs

OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	Iowa
First Downs	22	23	21	27	16	25	22	25	30	18	21	27	
Rush	13	4	8	12	8	17	10	11	9	3	11	10	
Pass	9	13	13	9	7	7	11	13	14	12	6	15	
Penalty	0	6	0	6	1	1	1	1	7	3	4	2	
Rush Attempts	40	30	40	49	35	48	37	34	34	21	29	39	
Yds Gain	232	123	163	273	210	320	180	210	162	62	166	192	
Yds Lost	26	25	32	26	17	12	52	14	23	15	31	35	
Net Yards	206	98	131	247	193	308	138	196	139	47	135	157	
Net Yds Pass	256	237	299	210	373	165	247	324	266	292	128	383	
Pass Att	39	36	34	30	26	32	38	43	29	44	32	49	
Pass Com	19	22	21	22	16	17	23	27	23	28	15	30	
Had Int	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	
Tot Off Plays	79	66	74	79	61	80	75	77	63	65	61	88	
Tot Net Yards	462	335	430	457	373	473	385	520	405	339	263	540	
Avg/Play	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.1	6.8	6.4	5.2	4.3	6.1	
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	0-0	
Penalties-Yds	6-51	7-60	5-39	16-120	7-44	5-45	5-31	13-109	12-157	9-82	3-11	10-73	
Punts-Yds	5-234	1-46	4-193	2-70	6-266	3-121	7-250	6-254	2-95	6-292	6-217	5-216	
Avg/Punt	46.8	46.0	48.2	35.0	44.3	40.3	35.7	42.3	47.5	48.7	36.2	43.2	
Punt Ret-Yds	0-0	1-15	0-0	0-0	3-26	0-0	2-(-1)	1-(-1)	0-0	0-0	1-19	0-0	
KO Ret-Yds	3-74	5-138	1-17	1-15	2-49	3-48	7-168	1-33	3-144	5-192	2-40	2-42	
Int-Yards	2-0	0-0	3-10	1-29	3-18	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-102	1-1	0-0	0-0	
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	
Poss Time	31:59	33:29	42:38	38:12	28:51	31:24	30:02	34:07	28:47	28:26	28:08	31:24	
3rd Down Con	5-16	4-11	7-16	5-13	3-12	9-17	5-16	5-14	6-9	7-14	3-10	5-17	
4th Down Con	2-2	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-4	
Sacks By-Yds	1-14	1-4	2-13	1-7	1-12	4-26	2-14	2-17	3-12	1-5	3-22	3-21	

2019 USC FOOTBALL GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1 – August 31, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 31, Fresno State 23
Att: 57,329

Fresno State	**3**	**7**	**3**	**10**	**--**	**23**
USC	**14**	**3**	**14**	**0**	**--**	**31**

TB **Vavae Malepeai** ran for a career-best 134 yards, WR **Tyler Vaughns** caught 11 passes for a career-high 150 yards, WR **Velus Jones Jr.** returned a kickoff 100 for a touchdown and S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** made a late interception in the end zone to help USC hold off Fresno State, 31-23, in the season opener for both teams before 57,329 fans in the renovated Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It was just the 11th time USC played in August. It was USC's 12th straight victorious season opener in the Coliseum.

USC snapped Fresno State's streak of 25 consecutive games without allowing 30 points.

The victory was costly as USC starting QB **JT Daniels**, who was 25-of-34 for 215 yards and a TD in the game (including a blazing 15-of-17 for 114 yards and the score in the first quarter), was lost for the season with a knee injury late in the first half.

USC got off to a quick start, scoring on its first 2 possessions, with TB **Stephen Carr** taking an 8-yard Daniels pass for a TD and then running 14 yards for another TD. After the teams traded field goals (a 45-yarder by Fresno State PK Cesar Silva and a 38-yarder by Trojan PK **Chase McGrath**), the Bulldogs made it a one touchdown game at halftime on QB Jorge Reyna's 34-yard pass to WR Derrion Grim midway through the second quarter.

Fresno State closed to 17-13 on Silva's 46-yard field goal midway through the third quarter, but Jones took the ensuing kickoff all the way back for a touchdown (just the sixth time a Trojan has returned a kickoff 100 yards for a TD). Late in the quarter, USC added to its lead on Malepeai's 2-yard TD run.

Fresno State closed to within 8 points in the fourth quarter after Silva's 28-yard field goal and Reyna's 8-yard pass to WR Chris Coleman. The Bulldogs then drove to USC's 15-yard line with just under 2 minutes to play, but Pola-Mao picked off Reyna's pass in the end zone.

The statistics were close, as Fresno State had 462 total yards (256 passing) and USC had 447 total yards (272 passing). USC limited the Bulldogs to 5-of-16 on third down conversions and had 3 sacks.

Carr ran for 56 yards and added 43 receiving yards. First-year freshman QB **Kedon Slovis** replaced Daniels and hit 6-of-8 passes for 57 yards. ILB **John Houston Jr.** had a team-best 13 tackles, while OLBs **Hunter Echols** and **Juliano Falaniko** each recovered a fumble. DE **Drake Jackson**, who had 3 tackles (1.5 for losses) and 2 deflections, became the first Trojan true freshman to start an opener on the defensive line since Everson Griffen in 2007.

For Fresno State, Reyna threw for 256 yards on 19-of-31 passing and ran for another 88 yards on 20 carries. DE Mykal Walker had 15 tackles.

It was the first collegiate game played in a Coliseum that had undergone a $315-million renovation.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Carr 8-yard pass from Daniels (McGrath kick)
USC -- Carr 14-yad run (McGrath kick)
FS -- Silva 45-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC -- McGrath 38-yard field goal
FS -- Grim 34-yard pass from Reyna (Silva kick)

Third Quarter

FS -- Silva 46-yard field goal
USC -- V. Jones 100-yard kickoff return (McGrath kick)
USC -- Malepeai 2-yard run (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

FS -- Silva 28-yard field goal
FS -- Coleman 8-yard pass from Reyna (Silva kick)

USC	STATISTICS	FRESNO STATE
25	First Downs	22
175	Net Yards Rushing	206
272	Net Yards Passing	256
42	Passes Attempted	39
31	Passes Completed	19
2	Had Intercepted	1
78	Total Plays	79
447	Total Yards	462
3/37.0	Punts/Avg	5/42.2
2/2	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
4/35	Penalties/Yards	6/51
28:01	Time of Possession	31:59

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Malepeai (USC) 23-134; Reyna (FS) 20-88; Carr (USC) 6-56; Rivers (FS) 14-53; Cropper (FS) 4-39.

PASSING – Daniels (USC) 25-34-215; Reyna (FS) 19-39-256; Slovis (USC) 6-8-57.

RECEIVING – Vaughns (USC) 11-150; Carr (USC) 6-43; Pittman (USC) 6-28; St. Brown (USC) 5-38; Pope (FS) 4-41; Rivers (FS) 4-23; Coleman (FS) 3-71; Hokit (FS) 3-24; Rice (FS) 3-11; Grim (FS) 2-86; Malepeai (USC) 2-8.

GAME 2 – September 7, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 45, Stanford 20
Att: 62,109

Stanford	**7**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**--**	**20**
USC	**3**	**21**	**7**	**14**	**--**	**45**

True freshman QB **Kedon Slovis** completed nearly 85% of his passes while throwing for 377 yards and 3 TDs and USC scored the game's final 35 points to give the Trojans a convincing 45-20 victory over No. 23 Stanford in the Pac-12's season opener in front of 62,109 fans in the Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It was USC's most points against Stanford since getting 48 in a triple overtime loss in 2011 and it was the most points surrendered by the Cardinal since Oregon had 45 in 2014.

Slovis, filling in for QB **JT Daniels**, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Fresno State opener, completed 28-of-33 passes (84.8%) with no interceptions. He threw for more yards, TDs and completions and had a higher completion percentage than any other USC true freshman signalcaller did in their debuts (Daniels, Matt Barkley, Carson Palmer and Rob Johnson). It was the second most yards by a USC true freshman in any game, behind Barkley's 380 at Notre Dame in 2009, and the most yards by any USC quarterback since Sam Darnold's 297 against Texas in 2017.

After USC PK **Chase McGrath** hit a 23-yard field goal on the game's opening drive, Stanford scored on its first 4 possessions to build 17-3 and then 20-10 leads. QB Davis Mills, who like Slovis was stepping in for a starter injured in the opener (QB K.J. Costello), threw a 15-yard TD pass to WR Connor Wedington, then RB Cameron Scarlett ran 3 yards for a score at the top of the second quarter and, after the Cardinal recovered a USC fumble on the ensuing kickoff, PK Jet Toner nailed a 32-yard field goal. The Trojans responded as WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** hauled in a 39-yard Slovis scoring aerial on the next drive, but the Cardinal countered with a 37-yard Toner field goal midway through the second quarter.

USC's defense then buckled down and shut out Stanford the rest of the way. TB **Stephen Carr** raced around the left side for a 25-yard TD (the second of 6 TDs USC scored on 7 possessions) and Slovis hit St. Brown on a 7-yard score with 31 seconds left in the half to give Troy a 24-20 halftime lead.

TB **Vavae Malepeai** then had 4- and 6-yard scoring runs (the first after OT **Austin Jackson** blocked a Toner field goal late in the third quarter and the second after CB **Greg Johnson's** interception early in the fourth quarter). WR **Tyler Vaughns** grabbed a 16-yard TD pass from Slovis late in the game.

St. Brown had a game-high 8 receptions for 97 yards, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** added 6 grabs for 82 yards and Vaughns had 5 for 106 yards. S **Talanoa Hufanga** had a game-best 10 tackles and CB **Olaijah Griffin** had 4 pass breakups.

USC had 492 total yards, averaging 8.1 yards per play (320 of those yards, including 249 passing, came in the first half). The Trojans limited Stanford to just 98 of its 335 total yards on the ground. The Cardinal converted only 4-of-11 third downs (and 0-of 2 fourth downs) and Mills was sacked 3 times. USC made 10 tackles for loss.

Mills was 22-of-36 for 237 yards, Scarlett ran for 82 yards on 17 carries, TE Colby Parkinson had 7 catches for 89 yards and Wedington had 5 for 67 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- McGrath 23-yard field goal
STAN -- Wedington 15-yard pass from Mills (Toner kick)

Second Quarter

STAN -- Scarlett 3-yard run (Toner kick)
STAN -- Toner 32-yard field goal
USC -- St. Brown 39-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
STAN --Toner 37-yard field goal
USC -- Carr 25-yard run (McGrath kick)
USC -- St. Brown 7-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Malepeai 4-yard run (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Malepeai 6-yard run (McGrath kick)
USC -- Vaughns 16-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
23	First Downs	23
115	Net Yards Rushing	98
377	Net Yards Passing	237
33	Passes Attempted	36
28	Passes Completed	22
0	Had Intercepted	1
61	Total Plays	66
492	Total Yards	335
2/42.0	Punts/Avg	1/46.0
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
8/93	Penalties/Yards	7/60
26:31	Time of Possession	33:29

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Scarlett (STAN) 17-82; Malepeai (USC) 12-42; Stepp (USC) 3-33; Carr (USC) 6-33.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 28-33-377; Mills (STAN) 22-36-237.

RECEIVING – St. Brown (USC) 8-97; Parkinson (STAN) 7-89; Pittman (USC) 6-82; Vaughns (USC) 5-106; Edington (STAN) 5-67; London (USC) 3-62.

GAME 3 – September 14, Provo, Utah
BYU 30, USC 27 (1 Overtime)
Att: 62,546

USC	7	10	0	10	0	--	27
BYU	10	7	0	10	3	--	30

PK Jake Oldroyd kicked a 43-yard field goal at the start of overtime and then BYU intercepted a third down pass on No. 24 USC's ensuing possession to preserve the Cougars' 30-27 victory over the Trojans on a hot (upper 80s) afternoon in Provo in front of 62,546 fans and a national ABC audience.

It was USC's 11th overtime game ever (with just 4 wins), and its first since a victory over Texas in 2017, while BYU was playing (and winning) its second OT contest in as many weeks. It was USC's first road game of 2019.

USC PK **Chase McGrath** tied the game with 1:43 to play on a career-long 52-yard field goal. After Oldroyd's overtime field goal, CB Dayan Ghanwoloku intercepted a tipped pass by QB **Kedon Slovis** to give BYU the victory.

The game stayed tight all day. After Slovis hit WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** for an 8-yard touchdown on the game's opening possession, Slovis threw picks on USC's next 2 drives and BYU converted both, first with a 1-yard TD run by Ghanwoloku (who lined up in the backfield) and then on Oldroyd's 23-yard field goal. But USC countered right back on McGrath's 27-yard field goal at the top of the second quarter.

BYU responded on its next series, with a 30-yard TD toss from QB Zach Wilson to WR Dax Milne, only to see USC answer on TB **Vavae Malepeai's** 5-yard scoring run late in the half to tie it at 17-17.

After a scoreless third quarter, Pittman hauled in an over-the-shoulder 30-yard Slovis TD pass, only to see the Cougars get points on their next 2 possessions: Oldroyd's 32-yard field goal and then Wilson's 16-yard TD run with 5:41 to play to move ahead 27-24.

USC had 452 total yards (including 171 rushing) to BYU's 430 (299 passing), but the Cougars held the ball for 42:28 and had no turnovers.

Slovis was 24-of-34 for 281 yards, Malepeai ran for 96 yards on 23 carries and Pittman had a career-high 9 receptions for 95 yards. S **Talanoa Hufanga** had 10 tackles, ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** added 9 tackles and ILB **John Houston Jr.** and S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** each had 8 stops.

For BYU, Wilson was 29-of-33 for 280 yards, RB Ty'son Williams had 99 yards on 19 rushes and ILB Kavika Fonua had 13 tackles.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Pittman 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
BYU -- Ghanwoloku 1-yard run (Oldroyd kick)
BYU -- Oldroyd 23-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC -- McGrath -- 27-yard field goal
BYU -- Milne 30-yard pass from Wilson (Oldroyd kick)
USC -- Malepeai 5-yard run (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Pittman 30-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
BYU -- Oldroyd 32-yard field goal
BYU -- Wilson 16-yard run (Oldroyd kick)
USC -- McGrath 52-yard field goal

First Overtime

BYU -- Oldroyd 43-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	BYU
22	First Downs	21
171	Net Yards Rushing	131
281	Net Yards Passing	299
34	Passes Attempted	34
24	Passes Completed	21
3	Had Intercepted	0
79	Total Plays	74
452	Total Yards	430
4/38.5	Punts/Avg	4/48.2
3/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
5/44	Penalties/Yards	5/39
32:32	Time of Possession	42:28

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Williams (BYU) 19-99; Malepeai (USC) 23-96; Stepp (USC) 9-53; Carr (USC) 9-22.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 24-34-281; Wilson (BYU) 20-33-280; Hall (BYU) 1-1-19.

RECEIVING – Pittman (USC) 9-95; Vaughns (USC) 7-65; Romney (BYU) 3-54; Simon (BYU) 3-48; Hifo (BYU) 3-30; Carr (USC) 3-20; Malepeai (USC) 3-28.

GAME 4 – September 20, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 30, Utah 23
Att: 55,719

Utah	7	3	7	6	--	23
USC	14	0	7	9	--	30

QB **Matt Fink**, who came off the bench when starting QB **Kedon Slovis** was knocked out of the game after the second play, threw for 351 yards with 3 TDs and WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** caught 10 throws for 232 yards and a long score to lead USC to a 30-23 victory over No. 10 Utah on a Friday night before 55,719 fans in the Coliseum and an FS1 national audience.

It was Utah's ninth straight loss in the Coliseum. USC scored more points than the Utes had allowed in their first 3 games combined.

USC prevailed despite Utah dominating the statistics. The Utes had more yards (457 to 381), plays (79 to 54), first downs (27 to 16) and possession time (38:12 to 21:48, USC's fewest since 20:31 against Stanford in 2015). The Trojans managed only 13 rushing yards to Utah's 247, but Troy averaged 7.1 yards per play and threw for 368 yards. Utah converted just 5-of-13 first downs. There were 27 penalties in the game, 16 by Utah for 120 yards.

Fink guided USC to touchdowns on its first 2 possessions, first finding WR **Tyler Vaughns** on a 29-yard pass and then, after Utah countered with a 17-yard scoring run by RB Devonta'e Henry-Cole, hitting WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** for a 31-yard TD.

Utah got a 38-yard field goal by PK Jadon Redding in the middle of the second quarter after recovering a USC fumble (DL **Connor Murphy** had blocked an earlier Redding field goal try). Late in the half, CB **Greg Johnson** forced and recovered a Ute fumble at the Trojan 2-yard line.

Early in the second half, Pittman hauled in a 77-yard TD pass from Slovis, USC longest scoring pass since Cody Kessler hit Adoree' Jackson on an 83-yarder in 2015 at Notre Dame. Late in the third quarter, Utah turned an interception into a touchdown, as QB Tyler Huntley found TE Cole Fotheringham for a 2-yard score.

Utah got to the USC 1-yard line early in the fourth quarter but came away with a 24-yard Redding field goal. After P **Ben Griffith's** pinned the Utes at their 6-yard line on their next drive, DL **Drake Jackson** forced Huntley into intentional grounding in the end zone for a sack and safety. USC converted the ensuing possession into a 4-yard TD run by TB **Markese Stepp**, then held Utah to a 38-yard Redding field goal late in the game before running out the clock.

Fink, who considered transferring from USC in the spring of 2019 and began the 2019 season as the No. 3 quarterback, completed 21-of-30 aerials. Pittman's receiving yardage was the fifth most ever by a Trojan and the most since Marqise Lee's school-record 345 yards at Arizona in 2012. Fink's and Pittman's numbers were career highs. St. Brown had 5 grabs for 68 yards and Vaughns 4 for 49.

S **Talanoa Hufanga** and ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** each had a game-best 14 tackles, with Hufanga getting 1.5 for losses.

Huntley was 22-of-30 for 210 yards passing for Utah and he added 60 yards on 18 carries. RB Devin Brumfield ran for 63 yards on 10 carries and caught 4 passes for 28 yards.

A special Friday edition of FOX's college football studio pre-game show--featuring ex-Trojans Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush--aired from the Coliseum field.

Earlier in the day, new USC president Dr. Carol L. Folt was inaugurated.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Vaughns 29-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)
UTAH-- Henry-Cole 17-yard run (Redding kick)
USC -- St. Brown 31-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

UTAH -- Redding 38-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC -- Pittman 77-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)
UTAH -- Fotheringham 2-yard pass from Huntley (Redding kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Safety, D. Jackson forced intentional grounding in end zone
USC -- Stepp 4-yard run (McGrath kick)
UTAH -- Redding 38-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
16	First Downs	27
13	Net Yards Rushing	247
368	Net Yards Passing	210
32	Passes Attempted	30
23	Passes Completed	22
1	Had Intercepted	0
54	Total Plays	79
381	Total Yards	457
4/42.2	Punts/Avg	2/35.0
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
11/117	Penalties/Yards	16/1220
21:48	Time of Possession	38:12

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Brumfield (UTAH) 10-63; Huntley (UTAH) 18-60; Malepeai (USC) 111-39; Henry-Cole (UTAH) 4-31; Dixon (UTAH) 4-30; Vickers (UTAH) 4-26; Moss (UTAH) 6-20.

PASSING – Fink (USC) 21-30-351; Huntley (UTAH) 22-30-210; Slovis (USC) 2-2-17.

RECEIVING – Pittman (USC) 10-232; St. Brown (USC) 5-68; Vaughns (USC) 4-49; Brumfield (UTAH) 4-28; Vickers (Utah) 3-38; Thompson (UTAH) 3-28; Fotheringham (UTAH) 3-23; Covey (UTAH) 3-7.

GAME 5 – September 28, Seattle, Washington
Washington 28, USC 14
Att: 66,975

USC	0	7	7	0	--	14
Washington	14	3	11	0	--	28

TB Salvon Ahmed ran for 153 yards, including an 89-yard touchdown, and Washington picked off a pair of USC passes at the goal line as the No. 17 Huskies posted a 28-14 victory over the No. 21 Trojans on a chilly day in front of 66,975 fans in Husky Stadium and a national FOX audience.

USC started its third quarterback of 2019, as QB **Matt Fink** filled in for QB **Kedon Slovis** (concussion from the previous game) and went 19-of-23 for 163 yards in his first career start but he threw 3 interceptions.

Washington jumped out to a 14-0 start with TDs late in the first quarter, the first on a 1-yard run by TB Richard Newton and then, after a Fink midfield pick, WR Andre Baccellia jumped on a Ahmed fumble in the end zone for another score.

USC got on the board late in the half on a 3-yard Fink scoring run, but the Huskies responded by adding a 28-yard field goal by PK Peyton Henry at the halftime gun to build a 17-7 edge.

UW came out at the top of the second half and got another Henry field goal, this time from 35 yards. Then late in the third quarter, 2 plays after Fink's short pass was intercepted by DB Elijah Molden in the end zone, Ahmed jetted untouched up the middle for his 89-yard TD, the Huskies' longest scoring run since 1994. USC countered on its next drive, with Fink finding WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** for a 44-yard TD with 2:10 to go in the third quarter. That would be the game's last points, despite USC threatening on its final 2 possessions (only to fail to score on downs on a first-and goal from the UW 7 and then getting to the UW 27 before Molden's second goal line pick of Fink).

The statistics were even, as USC had 375 total yards (212 rushing) on 65 plays to Washington's 373 total yards. But UW won the turnover battle (3 to 1) and scored all 4 times it got in the red zone.

TB **Stephen Carr** led USC on the ground with 94 yards on 7 carries (including a 60-yard burst), while TB **Markese Stepp** added 62 yards on 10 carries. WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** had a team-best 5 catches for 31 yards, Pittman added 4 for 64 yards and WR **Tyler Vaughns** had 4 for 44 yards. ILB **John Houston Jr.** had a game-high 10 tackles, while ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** added 9 stops.

Washington QB Jacob Eason hit 16-of-26 passes for 180 yards, including 6 for 68 yards to WR Aaron Fuller.

It was USC's first time playing UW since 2016 because of the Pac-12 scheduling rotation.

SCORING
First Quarter

WASH --Newton 1-yard run (Henry kick)
WASH -- Baccellia fumble recovery in end zone (Henry kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Fink 3-yard run (McGrath kick)
WASH -- Henry 28-yard field goal

Third Quarter

WASH -- Henry 35-yard field goal
WASH -- Ahmed 89-yard run (McClatcher pass from Eason)
USC -- Pittman 44-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	WASHINGTON
18	First Downs	16
212	Net Yards Rushing	193
163	Net Yards Passing	180
32	Passes Attempted	26
19	Passes Completed	16
3	Had Intercepted	0
65	Total Plays	61
375	Total Yards	373
6/41.0	Punts/Avg	6/44.3
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
8/80	Penalties/Yards	7/44
31:09	Time of Possession	28:51

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Ahmed (WASH) 17-153; Carr (USC) 7-94; Stepp (USC) 10-62; Malepeai (USC) 10-49.

PASSING – Eason (WASH) 16-26-180; Fink (USC) 19-32-163.

RECEIVING – Fuller (WASH) 6-68; St. Brown (USC) 5-31; Pittman (USC) 4-64; Bryant (WASH) 4-49; Vaughns (USC) 4-44; Otton (WASH) 2-43; Baccellia (WASH) 2-13; Krommenhoek (USC) 2-10; Malepeai (USC) 2-8.

GAME 6 – October 12, South Bend, Indiana
Notre Dame 30, USC 27
Att: 77,622

USC	3	0	10	14	--	27
Notre Dame	0	17	3	10	--	30

Despite a 24-point second half by the Trojans, USC came up just short in its comeback attempt at No. 9 Notre Dame, falling 30-27 on a chilly (mid-40s) evening in front of a sold-out crowd of 77,622 fans and a national NBC audience.

It was USC's fourth straight defeat in South Bend, its longest streak since dropping 7 consecutive there from 1983 to 1995.

The Trojans, who trailed 20-3 just after halftime, scored on all 4 of their second half possessions. After Notre Dame PK Jonathan Doerer opened the second half with a 52-yard field goal to extend the Irish's unanswered scoring run to 20 points, USC stormed back. First, PK **Chase McGrath** nailed a 27-yard field goal, then WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** made a snazzy one-handed 38-yard TD catch on a pass from QB **Kedon Slovis** late in the third quarter. Doerer added a 43-yard field goal at the top of the fourth quarter, but USC answered with Slovis' 5-yard TD toss to WR **Tyler Vaughns** to bring Troy to within 23-20. The teams then traded touchdowns, first with Irish QB Ian Book scrambling for an 8-yard score, then USC getting a 2-yard rushing score from TB **Markese Stepp** with 1:04 to play. But ND recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock.

USC got on the board first with a 40-yard McGrath field goal late in the first quarter. But Notre Dame then drove 97 yards midway through the second quarter, culminating with a 10-yard Book scoring pass to TE Cole Kmet. On ND's next possession, WR Braden Lenzy took an end-around handoff and raced 51 yards for a score and then the Irish closed the half with Doerer's 45-yard field goal with 15 seconds to go. Notre Dame nearly doubled USC's total offense output in the first half, 289 to 146.

In the game, USC put up 426 total yards and equalled a season-high with 25 first downs. The Trojans had no turnovers for the first time in 2019 and were penalized just twice (a season low). Notre Dame had 473 total yards (including 308 rushing) on 80 plays (a USC opponent high in 2019) and 25 first downs, plus it had no turnovers, converted 9-of-17 third downs and posted 4 sacks.

Slovis, who missed USC's previous game with a concussion, was 24-of-35 passing for 255 yards, including going 14-of-18 in the second half for 181 yards and both TD passes. Stepp rushed for a career-high 82 yards on 10 carries and St. Brown had 8 catches for 112 yards while TE **Erik Krommenhoek** had a career-high 5 receptions for 37 yards. ILB **John Houston Jr.** led USC with 8 tackles (2 for losses), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** added 7 stops and DL **Drake Jackson** had 2.5 tackles for loss among his 5 tackles.

For ND, RB Tony Fields Jr. gained 176 yards on 25 carries, Book was 17-of-32 for 165 passing yards and also ran for 49 yards on 12 carries and Kmet had 6 catches for 61 yards.

SCORING
First Quarter

USC -- McGrath 40-yard field goal

Second Quarter

ND -- Kmet 10-yard pass from Book (Doerer kick)
ND -- Lenzy 51-yard run (Doerer kick)
ND -- Doerer 45-yard field goal

Third Quarter

ND -- Doerer 52-yard field goal
USC -- McGrath 27-yard field goal
USC -- St. Brown 38-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

ND -- Doerer 43-yard field goal
USC -- Vaughns 5-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
ND -- Book 8-yard run (Doerer kick)
USC -- Stepp 2-yard run (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	NOTRE DAME
25	First Downs	25
171	Net Yards Rushing	308
255	Net Yards Passing	165
35	Passes Attempted	32
24	Passes Completed	17
0	Had Intercepted	0
70	Total Plays	80
426	Total Yards	473
5/42.2	Punts/Avg	3/40.3
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
2/44	Penalties/Yards	5/45
28:36	Time of Possession	31:24

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jones Jr. (ND) 25-176; Stepp (USC) 10-82; Lenzy (ND) 1-51; Book (ND) 12-49; Malepeai (USC) 8-46; Carr (USC) 9-44, Smith (ND) 5-32.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 24-35-255; Book (ND) 17-32-165.

RECEIVING – St. Brown (USC) 8-112; Kmet (ND) 6-61; Finke (ND) 5-45; Krommenhoek (USC) 5-37; Vaughns (USC) 4-47; Pittman (USC) 4-29; Claypool (ND) 3-47.

GAME 7 – October 19, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 41, Arizona 14
Att: 53,826

Arizona	0	0	0	14	--	14
USC	10	7	10	14	--	41

TB **Kenan Christon** came off the bench to run for a pair of long touchdown in his Trojan debut, QB **Kedon Slovis** threw a pair of TDs, ILB **Kana'i Mauga** led a defense that shut down Arizona's potent offense and PK **Chase McGrath** nailed a pair of field goals as USC overcame a rash of in-game injuries and posted a dominant 41-14 victory over the Wildcats in front of a Homecoming crowd of 53,826 fans in the Coliseum and a national Pac-12 Network audience.

It was USC's seventh consecutive win over Arizona.

USC, which came into the game down 5 starters and then lost 6 key players during the contest, was up 34-0 before Arizona scored twice in the final quarter against Troy's backups.

USC piled up 448 total yards and held Arizona, which was averaging 509.3 total yards, to just 385 (218 of those came in the fourth quarter). The Trojans had 7 sacks (their most since getting 7 in 2013 versus Hawaii), forced 3 turnovers and limited UA to 5-of-16 on third downs (2-of-8 in the second half). Arizona QB Khalil Tate, who was averaging 301.0 yards of total offense, had just 24 yards of total offense before being replaced in the third quarter.

After USC recovered a fumbled Arizona punt return, McGrath opened the scoring with a 31-yard field goal midway through the first quarter. Mauga then forced a fumble that ILB **John Houston Jr.** recovered and Slovis soon after hit WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** on a 9-yard scoring pass. TB **Markese Stepp's** 12-yard TD run capped an 87-yard drive late in the first half, giving USC a 17-0 lead at intermission.

After Mauga's interception of UA QB Grant Gunnell's first pass of the game, McGrath added a 38-yard field goal midway into the third quarter. Two series later, Slovis threw a 5-yard TD toss to WR **Tyler Vaughns** late in the quarter.

With Stepp and fellow TB **Stephen Carr** knocked out with injuries, Christon--the reigning California prep 100- and 200-meter champion--jetted 55 yards untouched for a score at the top of the fourth quarter. After Gunnell hit WR Brian Casteel for a 56-yard TD on Arizona's ensuing possession, Christon countered on the next series with a 30-yard touchdown run. Gunnell and Casteel then connected in the game's final minute on a 27-yard scoring pass.

Christon ran for 103 yards on 8 carries, Slovis was 19-of-28 for 232 yards and Vaughns had 7 receptions for 73 yards. Mauga had 13 tackles (2 for losses) and Houston add 8 stops (2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks).

For UA, Tate was 7-of-11 passing for 51 yards, but was sacked 6 times and ended up with -27 yards on 9 rushes. Gunnell was 16-of-26 for 196 yards, Casteel caught 5 passes for 105 yards and RB J.J. Taylor had 80 yards on 16 carries.

Besides Stepp and Carr, S **Talanoa Hufanga**, DL **Drake Jackson**, WR **Munir McClain** and OLB **Abdul-Malik McClain** also left the game with injuries.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- McGrath 31-yard field goal
USC -- Pittman 19-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Stepp 12-yard run (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- McGrath 38-yard field goal
USC -- Vaughns 5-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Christon 55-yard run (McGrath kick)
ARIZ -- Casteel 56-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)
USC -- Christon 30-yard run (McGrath kick)
ARIZ -- Casteel 27-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
16	First Downs	22
201	Net Yards Rushing	138
247	Net Yards Passing	247
30	Passes Attempted	38
21	Passes Completed	23
0	Had Intercepted	1
66	Total Plays	75
448	Total Yards	385
6/44.3	Punts/Avg	7/35.7
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
10/100	Penalties/Yards	5/31
29:58	Time of Possession	30:02

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Christon (USC) 8-103; Taylor (ARIZ) 16-80; Stepp (USC) 13-66; Tilford (ARIZ) 7-61; Carr (USC) 7-33.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 19-28-232; Gunnell (ARIZ) 16-26-196; Tate (ARIZ) 7-11-51; Fink (USC) 2-2-15; Joiner (ARIZ) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING – Vaughns 7-73; Casteel (ARIZ) 5-105; Pittman (USC) 4-69; London (USC) 4-52; Wiley (ARIZ) 4-27; Taylor (ARIZ) 4-13; St. Brown (USC) 3-27.

GAME 8 – October 25, Boulder, Colorado
USC 35, Colorado 31
Att: 48,913

USC	7	7	7	14	--	35
Colorado	3	14	14	0	--	31

WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** caught a pair of late touchdown passes from QB **Kedon Slovis**--including a 37-yard game winner with 2:15 to play--to help USC overcome a 10-point fourth quarter deficit and capture its first road win of 2019, 35-31 at Colorado, on a chilly (mid-40s) Friday night in front of 48,913 fans and an ESPN2 audience.

The win kept USC undefeated (14-0) against the Buffaloes. It was Troy's second Friday game of 2019, the first time that has occurred in the regular season since 1977.

USC played without its top 3 running backs and 4 defensive starters, all out with injuries. The offense went primarily with a 5-wideout formation.

USC scored on the game's opening drive, as WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** lined up in the backfield and took a handoff 37 yards for a score. Colorado then scored the next 17 points, first on a 22-yard field goal by PK James Stefanou, then on a pair of 7-yard TD passes from QB Steven Montez to WR K.D. Nixon (the first coming after Slovis was intercepted in Buffalo territory and the second late in the first half). But USC got it to 17-14 at halftime on Slovis' 3-yard scoring pass to TB **Kenan Christon**.

Two plays into the second half, Colorado WR Laviska Shenault took a Montez pass 71 yards for a TD, but USC countered right back with a 21-yard Slovis touchdown pass to WR **Tyler Vaughns**. The Buffs responded on the ensuing possession, with Montez scoring on a 17-yard run to make it 31-21 midway into the third quarter.

But Colorado would not get inside USC's 40 on its final 5 possessions and managed just 45 total yards in the fourth quarter (and went 1-of-5 on third downs).

Slovis hit Pittman on a 44-yard scoring bomb early in the fourth quarter and then directed the Trojans on the 12-play, 89-yard game-winning drive.

Slovis was 30-of-44 for 406 yards and 4 TDs overall (all career highs) with an interception, including going 9-of-13 for 148 yards and the 2 TDs in the fourth quarter. Pittman had 7 catches for 156 yards (4 for 104 in the final period), Vaughns had 8 receptions for 104 yards, St. Brown had 5 catches for 55 yards and ran for 50 yards on 3 tries and Christon had a game-best 76 yards on 14 rushes. Pittman and Vaughns were the first Trojan duo to both get 100 receiving yards in a game since Deontay Burnett had 139 and Vaughns had 119 against Ohio State in the 2018 Cotton Bowl.

ILB **John Houston Jr.** had a game-high 9 tackles with a deflection, while ILB **Kana'i Mauga** added 8 stops (1 for loss).

Both teams' offenses were productive, with USC getting a season-best 518 total yards to Colorado's 520, a Trojan opponent season high (the Buffs ran for 196 yards). USC's 30 first downs were its most since getting 30 against Arizona in 2017. Colorado had 25 first downs and held the ball 34:07, but had 13 penalties for 109 yards and converted just 5-of-14 third downs.

Montez completed 27-of-43 passes for 324 yards and ran for 45 yards on 7 carries, Shenault had 9 catches for 172 yards and Buff TB Alex Fontenot gained 57 yards on 16 rushes.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- St. Brown 37-yard run (McGrath kick)
COLO -- Stefanou 22-yard field goal

Second Quarter

COLO -- Nixon 7-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)
COLO -- Nixon 7-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)
USC -- Christon 3-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

COLO -- Sheanault 71-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)
USC -- Vaughns 21-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
COLO -- Montez 17-yard run (Stefanou kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Pittman 44-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- Pittman 37-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	COLORADO
30	First Downs	25
112	Net Yards Rushing	196
406	Net Yards Passing	324
44	Passes Attempted	43
30	Passes Completed	27
1	Had Intercepted	0
70	Total Plays	77
518	Total Yards	520
4/46.0	Punts/Avg	6/42.3
2/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
5/50	Penalties/Yards	13/109
25:53	Time of Possession	34:07

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Christon (USC) 14-76; Fontenot (COLO) 16-57; St. Brown (USC) 3-50; Montez (COLO) 7-45; Mangham (COLO) 7-38.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 30-44-406; Montez (COLO) 27-43-324.

RECEIVING – Shenault (COLO) 9-172; Vaughns (USC) 8-104; Pittman (USC) 7-156; London (USC) 7-85; Brown (COLO) 5-67; St. Brown (USC) 5-55; Fontenot (COLO) 5-29; Nixon (COLO) 3-20.

GAME 9 – November 2, Los Angeles Coliseum
Oregon 56, USC 24
Att: 63,011

Oregon	0	28	14	14	--	56
USC	10	7	0	7	--	24

QB Justin Herbert threw 3 touchdown passes to WR Juwan Johnson and No. 7 Oregon scored 28 points following USC turnovers as the Ducks gave the Trojans their first home loss of 2019 and knocked Troy out of first place in the Pac-12 South, 56-24, in front of a Trojan Family Weekend crowd of 63,011 in the Coliseum and a FOX audience.

It was USC's largest margin of defeat at home since a 34-point loss against Stanford in 2009. It also was the most points USC had surrendered since Arizona State tallied 62 in 2013 in Tempe and the most at home since Oregon's 62 in 2012. It was Oregon's eighth straight win in 2019.

USC jumped out to a 10-0 first quarter lead after QB **Kedon Slovis'** 8-yard TD pass to WR **Drake London** and PK **Chase McGrath's** 24-yard field goal following S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** interception of Herbert (only the second pick Herbert had thrown in 2019).

But the Ducks then scored the next 8 times they had the ball and never punted after the first quarter. After getting an interception, Herbert scrambled 10 yards to get Oregon on the board midway through the second quarter. Then after USC drove to the Oregon 3-yard line, Slovis lost a fumble and the Ducks drove 95 yards to take the lead, capped by a 2-yard TD run by WR Jaylon Redd. S Brady Breeze intercepted Slovis 2 plays later and returned it 32 yards for a score late in the half. But USC quickly countered on Slovis' 13-yard TD pass to WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** with 20 seconds to go in the half, only to have CB Mykael Wright return the ensuing kickoff 100 yards to give the Ducks a 28-17 lead at halftime. Oregon's 28 second quarter points tied a USC opponent record for most points in a quarter.

On Oregon's first 3 possessions of the second half, Herbert threw touchdown passes to Johnson of 15, 11 and 37 yards (the second TD came after a fourth down interception) to extend the Ducks' lead to 49-17 early in the fourth quarter. Backup QB Tyler Shough came on for Oregon and hit WR Mycah Pittman (Michael's brother) for a 35-yard TD. USC tacked on a late score on WR **Kyle Ford's** first career catch, a 20-yarder from Slovis.

Despite the lopsided score, the statistics were close. Oregon had 405 total yards on just 63 plays, while USC had 355 total yards on 82 plays. Troy converted 9-of-16 third downs, Oregon was 6-of-9. USC's 31 first downs were its most since getting 33 against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. Both teams were heavily penalized (Oregon had 12 for 157 yards and USC 8 for 92 yards).

Slovis completed a career-high 32 passes on a USC game record 57 attempts (he threw 42 passes in the first half) for 264 yards. WR **Tyler Vaughns** (75 yards) and Pittman (37 yards) each had 8 receptions for USC, while WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** had 7 grabs for 61 yards and London added 4 catches for 51 yards. TB **Kenan Christon** ran for 79 yards on 15 carries. ILB **John Houston Jr.** had a game-best 9 tackles, while ILB **Kana'i Mauga** had 7 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with a sack).

For Oregon, Herbert was 21-of-26 for 225 yards, Johnson had 7 catches for 106 yards and RB Travis Dye rushed for 75 yards on 12 tries.

It was USC's first time playing Oregon since 2016 because of the Pac-12 scheduling rotation.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- London 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- McGrath 24-yard field goal

Second Quarter

ORE -- Herbert 10-yard run (Lewis kick)
ORE -- Redd 2-yard run (Lewis kick)
ORE -- Breeze 32-yard interception return (Lewis kick)
USC -- Pittman 13-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
ORE -- Wright 100-yard kickoff return (Lewis kick)

Third Quarter

ORE -- Johnson 15-yard pass from Herbert (Lewis kick)
ORE -- Johnson 11-yard pass from Herbert (Lewis kick)

Fourth Quarter

ORE -- Johnson 37-yard pass from Herbert (Lewis kick)
ORE -- Pittman 35-yard pass from Shough (Lewis kick)
USC -- Ford 20-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON
31	First Downs	30
91	Net Yards Rushing	139
264	Net Yards Passing	266
57	Passes Attempted	29
32	Passes Completed	23
3	Had Intercepted	1
82	Total Plays	63
355	Total Yards	405
3/36.3	Punts/Avg	2/47.5
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
8/92	Penalties/Yards	12/157
31:13	Time of Possession	28:47

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Christon (USC) 15-79; Dye (ORE) 12-75; Felix (ORE) 10-43.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 32-57-264; Herbert (ORE) 21-26-225; Shough (ORE) 2-3-41.

RECEIVING – Vaughns (USC) 8-75; Pittman (USC) 8-37; Johnson (ORE) 7-106; St. Brown (USC) 7-61; London (USC) 4-51; Redd (ORE) 4-31; Pittman (ORE) 3-36.

GAME 10 – November 9, Tempe, Arizona
USC 31, Arizona State 26
Att: 54,191

USC	28	0	3	0	--	31
Arizona State	7	6	7	6	--	26

QB **Kedon Slovis** threw 4 first quarter touchdowns to help USC build a 28-7 lead and then the Trojans hung on for a 31-26 victory at Arizona State--not sealed until DL **Christian Rector's** last minute interception--on a warm (85 degrees) day in front of a sold-out crowd of 54,191 fans and an ABC audience.

The victory made the Trojans bowl eligible after missing out in 2018.

USC scored on its first 4 possessions of the game via Slovis passes to WR **Drake London** (8 yards), TB **Kenan Christon** (8 and 58 yards) and, with 3 seconds left in the opening quarter, WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (95 yards, the longest USC completion since a school record 97-yarder from Matt Koffler to R. Jay Soward in 1996 at Illinois). Slovis, who grew up near the ASU campus, was 15-of-17 for 297 yards in the first quarter. USC had 315 total yards on 26 plays in the opening quarter, while the Sun Devils had just 1 yard on 9 plays.

Arizona State managed a TD in the middle of USC's first quarter scores, a 5-yard pass from freshman QB Joey Yellen (making his first start) to WR Kyle Williams following a 97-yard ASU kickoff return by WR Brandon Aiyuk.

The Sun Devils added a 62-yard Yellen TD pass to WR Frank Darby late in the first half (the PAT kick missed) to close to 28-13 at halftime.

ASU scored on the opening series of the second half on a 2-yard Yellen toss to Aiyuk. USC countered late in the third quarter on PK **Chase McGrath's** 41-yard field goal on a drive where QB **Matt Fink** filled in for a cramping Slovis.

ASU added another Yellen-to-Darby TD pass, this one for 15 yards, midway through the fourth quarter (the 2-point conversion attempt failed) to close within 5 points of the Trojans. The Sun Devils got the ball back twice more in the game, driving to the USC 32 on their second possession before Rector tipped Yellen's pass at the line and dove to haul it in with 25 seconds to play.

USC piled up a season-high 547 total yards (385 in the first half) to ASU's 339. Most of the yards came through the air (477 by USC, 292 by ASU).

Slovis finished with a career-high 432 yards on 29-of-39 passing. Christon had 144 all-purpose yards (he ran for a game-best 62 yards on 20 carries and caught 4 passes for 82 yards). WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** had a career-high 13 receptions for 146 yards and St. Brown added 8 catches for a career-best 173 yards.

ILBs **John Houston Jr.** and **Kana'i Mauga** each had a game-high 9 tackles. S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** had an interception and DL **Nick Figueroa** recovered a fumble. USC was missing 3 defensive starters to injury (DL **Marlon Tuipulotu**, ILB **Palaie Gaoteote**, CB **Greg Johnson**).

Yellen was 28-of-44 for 292 yards with the 4 TDs, Williams had 8 catches for 60 yards, RB Eno Benjamin ran for 52 yards on 20 carries and caught 7 passes for 48 yards and Aiyuk had 5 receptions for 51 yards and added 169 yards on 3 kickoff returns.

It was USC's first day game in Tempe since 2005.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC --London 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- Christon 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
ASU -- Williams 5-yard pass from Yellen (Zendejas kick)
USC -- Christon 58-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- St. Brown 95-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

ASU -- Darby 62-yard pass from Yellen (Zendejas kick missed)

Third Quarter

ASU -- Aiyuk 2-yard pass from Yellen (Zendejas kick)
USC -- McGrath 41-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

ASU -- Darby 15-yard pass from Yellen (Yellen pass failed)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA STATE
23	First Downs	18
70	Net Yards Rushing	47
477	Net Yards Passing	292
45	Passes Attempted	44
33	Passes Completed	28
1	Had Intercepted	2
73	Total Plays	65
547	Total Yards	339
5/36.2	Punts/Avg	6/48.7
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
11/93	Penalties/Yards	9/82
31:34	Time of Possession	28:2

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Christon (USC) 20-62; Benjamin (ASU) 20-52.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 29-39-432; Yellen (ASU) 28-44-292; Fink (USC) 4-6-45.

RECEIVING – Pittman (USC) 13-146; St. Brown (USC) 8-173; Williams (ASU) 8-60; Benjamin (ASU) 7-48; Aiyuk (ASU) 5-51; Christon (USC) 4-82; Vaughns (USC) 4-39; Hudson (ASU) 3-36; London (USC) 3-30.

GAME 11 – November 16, Berkeley, California
USC 41, California 17
Att: 46,397

USC	10	7	17	7	--	41
California	7	3	0	7	--	17

Behind QB **Kedon Slovis'** 4 touchdown passes, USC scored 31 unanswered points to dominate California, 41-17, under the lights on the road in front of 46,397 fans and a national FS1 audience.

The victory kept USC undefeated against the Golden Bears in the Bay Area since 2003.

After Cal scored on a 5-yard run by RB DeShawn Collins on the opening series, USC contered with Slovis' 18-yard TD pass to WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** on the ensuing drive. USC tacked on a 41-yard field goal by PK **Chase McGrath** late in the first quarter, but Cal answered on its next possession with a 37-yard field goal by PK Greg Thomas midway through the second quarter. USC took a 17-10 lead into halftime after Slovis connected with WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** on a 33-yard scoring strike late in the half.

USC scored on its first 4 possessions of the second half to forge a 41-10 lead. First, Slovis hit WR **Drake London** on an 8-yard TD, then McGrath nailed a 32-yard field goal. After CB **Greg Johnson's** interception, TB **Stephen Carr** ran for a 2-yard score late in the third quarter and then Slovis found TE **Josh Falo** for a 5-yard TD early in the fourth quarter.

Collins ran for a 34-yard touchdown against USC's backups midway through the final period to finish the scoring.

Slovis completed 83% of his passes (29-of-35), Pittman had 11 grabs for 180 yards, London added 6 receptions for 111 yards and St. Brown had 5 catches for 85 yards. TB **Keenan Christon** led USC's runners with 44 yards on 9 carries. ILBs **John Houston Jr.** and **Kana'i Mauga** each had a team-best 5 tackles. S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** added an interception.

USC piled up 462 total yards, averaging 7.5 yards per play, to Cal's 263 yards and the Trojans converted 7-of-13 third downs to Cal's 3-of-10. USC posted 5 sacks.

For Cal, Collins rushed for 103 yards on 15 tries. QB Chase Garbers, who had missed the previous 4 games with a throwing shoulder injury, returned to the starting lineup but injured his other shoulder early in the second quarter (he completed 4-of-10 passes for 33 yards). He was replaced by QB Devon Modster, who was 11-of-22 for 95 yards but threw the 2 picks. WR Jordan Duncan had 5 catches for 53 yards.

It was the smallest crowd for a USC-Cal game in Berkeley since 2001.

SCORING

First Quarter

CAL -- Collins 5-yard run (Thomas kick)
USC -- St. Brown 18-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- McGrath 41-yard field goal

Second Quarter

CAL -- Thomas 37-yard field goal
USC -- Pittman 33-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- London 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- McGrath 32-yard field goal
USC -- Carr 2-yard run (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Falo 5-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
CAL -- Collins 34-yard run (Thomas kick)

USC	STATISTICS	CALIFORNIA
18	First Downs	21
56	Net Yards Rushing	135
406	Net Yards Passing	128
35	Passes Attempted	32
29	Passes Completed	15
0	Had Intercepted	2
62	Total Plays	61
462	Total Yards	263
3/50.3	Punts/Avg	6/36.2
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/75	Penalties/Yards	3/11
31:52	Time of Possession	28:08

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Collins (CAL) 15-103; Christon (USC) 9-44; Brown (CAL) 2-29; Carr (USC) 9-19; Jountti (USC) 3-14.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 29-35-406; Modseter (CAL) 11-22-95; Garbers (USC) 4-10-33.

RECEIVING – Pittman (USC) 11-180; London (CAL) 6-111; St. Brown (USC) 5-85; Duncan (CAL) 5-53; Dancy (CAL) 3-19; Tonges (CAL) 2-23; V. Jones (USC) 2-12; Polk (CAL) 2-12; Remigio (CAL) 2-11; Falo (USC) 2-5; Carr (USC) 2-2.

GAME 12 – November 23, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 52, UCLA 35
Att: 64,156

UCLA	7	7	14	7	--	35
USC	10	14	14	14	--	52

QB **Kedon Slovis** threw for a school single game record 515 yards and 4 Trojans each had 100-plus receiving yards for the first time in school history as USC dominated UCLA, 52-35, in front of 64,156 fans in the Coliseum and a national ABC audience.

It was USC's most points against the Bruins since 2005 and it tied the 1990 game for the most combined points in a regulation game in the series.

USC piled up 643 total yards and 34 first downs, both figures its most since the 2015 Idaho game (737 and 35).

Slovis completed 78.7% of his passes, hitting a USC game record-tying 37 completions on 47 attempts with 4 touchdowns. His passing yardage was the most by any player from either school in the USC-UCLA series.

USC's 100-yard receiving quartet was WRs **Michael Pittman Jr.** (104 yards on 13 receptions), **Drake London** (142 on 8), **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (128 on 8) and **Tyler Vaughns** (106 on 6). Since 1996, no school has had more in a game. Pittman's catch total tied a career high and London's catches and yards set personal bests.

TB **Stephen Carr** ran for a game-best 87 yards on 11 carries, with a TD. TB **Vavae Malepeai**, who had missed the past 5 games with a knee injury, returned and ran for 60 yards and 2 TDs on 10 caries.

S **Talanoa Hufanga** posted a career-best 18 tackles (2 for losses, with a sack), the most by a Trojan since Troy Polamalu's 20 against Utah in the 2001 Vegas Bowl (Polamalu was in attendance being honored for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame). S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** had a career-high 12 stops. CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** had an interception.

UCLA scored on the game's opening possession on a 9-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson to Felton. USC took the lead with PK **Chase McGrath's** 31-yard field goal midway through the first quarter and then Malepeai's 1-yard run late in the quarter following Pola-Mao's pick. The Bruins countered with Thompson-Robinson's 3-yard scoring run early in the second quarter.

USC then scored 4 unanswered TDs to build a 38-14 lead: 1- and 4-yard Slovis passes to Pittman (the second late in the half), a 32-yard Slovis pass to London early in the second half and an 8-yard Malepeai run. But UCLA scored back-to-back TDs (Thompson-Robinson passes of 53 yards to Asiasi and 7 yards to WR Chase Cota) to pull within 10 points, 38-28, late in the third quarter.

Slovis then connected on a 49-yard scoring aerial to Vaughns at the top of the fourth quarter but UCLA responded with a 1-yard TD run by Kelley to pull within 10 again. However, USC extended the lead on its ensuing possession, capped by Carr's 2-yard scoring run.

UCLA had 540 total yards, but converted just 5-of-17 third downs. QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson was 26-of-44 passing for 367 yards and ran for 64 yards on 16 tries. WR Kyle Philips had 12 receptions for 123 yards, RB Demetric Felton added 6 catches for 50 yards and TE Devin Asiasi had 5 for 141 yards. RB Joshua Kelley, who ran for 289 yards against USC in the 2018 game and was averaging 104.3 rushing yards in 2019, was limited to 49 yards on 15 carries. S Stephan Blaylock had 11 tackles and CB Darnay Holmes added 10 stops.

It was the final USC-UCLA home game for 50-year Trojan Marching Band director Art Bartner and the last USC game for 15-year Traveler rider Hector Aguilar.

SCORING

First Quarter

UCLA -- Felton 9-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson (Molson kick)
USC -- McGrath 31-yard field goal
USC --Malepeai 1-yard run (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

UCLA -- Thompson-Robinson 3-yard run (Molson kick)
USC -- Pittman 1-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- Pittman 4-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- London 32-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
USC -- Malepeai 8-yard run (McGrath kick)
UCLA -- Asiasi 53-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson (Molson kick)
UCLA -- Cota 7-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson (Molson kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Vaughns 49-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
UCLA -- Kelley 1-yard run (Molson kick)
USC -- Carr 2-yard run (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
34	First Downs	27
128	Net Yards Rushing	157
515	Net Yards Passing	383
47	Passes Attempted	49
37	Passes Completed	30
0	Had Intercepted	1
79	Total Plays	88
643	Total Yards	540
3/40.7	Punts/Avg	5/43.2
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
7/57	Penalties/Yards	10/73
27:58	Time of Possession	31:24

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Carr (USC) 11-87; Thompson-Robinson (UCLA) 16-64; Malepeai (USC) 10-60; Kelley (UCLA) 15-45; Allen (UCLA) 4-39.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 37-47-515; Thompson-Robinson (UCLA) 26-44-367; Burton (UCLA) 4-5-16.

RECEIVING – Pittman (USC) 13-104; Philips (UCLA) 12-123; London (USC) 8-142; St. Brown (USC) 8-128; Vaughns (USC_ 6-106; Felton (UCLA) 6-50; Asiasi (UCLA) 5-141; Cota (UCLA) 3-24; Wilson (UCLA) 2-26.

TROJANS IN THE NEWS

How Matt Fink stayed at USC and breathed new life into the Trojans' season
By ADAM GROSBARD, Southern California News Group, September 21, 2019

LOS ANGELES – Matt Fink could have been a starting quarterback somewhere else. He could have transferred to Illinois and been the guy.

Sure, he still would have needed to win the job. But it would have been a two-person competition, not the four-man battle royal that awaited him if he stayed at USC.

But one question kept him from leaving.

"Why would I go somewhere else and play with lesser athletes?" Fink asked Friday night. "Not saying that any other school isn't a great school and doesn't have good athletes. I'm saying that 'SC is on the rise. We have guys that are gonna push us to the top here."

So he waited for an opportunity he believed would come, but might not have.

But it did Friday, when USC's starting quarterback, freshman Kedon Slovis, left the first series against No. 10 Utah with a head injury. Fink immediately began warming up, and when he took the field he told himself to just do his job.

And that's what the redshirt junior from Glendora High did. He completed 70 percent of his passes for 351 yards and three touchdowns. He completed six passes of 20 or more yards, including a 77-yarder to Michael Pittman Jr.

And most important, USC beat the Utes 30-23. Afterward, the third-string quarterback was the Trojan sitting between former USC greats Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush for the postgame interview.

"In a world where everybody goes different places, this one stayed for his family. Waiting for his moment, waiting for his memory, and what a memory it was tonight," head coach Clay Helton said. "He's one of the more special people I've ever been around, and when his number was called he made the most of it tonight."

Helton was practically overflowing with gratitude at the end of the night. With Slovis in the locker room, sophomore and former starter JT Daniels on crutches and Jack Sears in the transfer portal, Fink was the last healthy scholarship QB on the roster.

USC had nowhere else to turn.

And Fink very nearly wasn't in the Coliseum on Friday. He could have transferred for more playing time. Or Helton could have said good riddance, as many coaches would do when informed a player wanted to test the transfer portal. But when Fink told Helton in April that he was going to see what the market would be for his services, the head coach, because of how Fink had always conducted himself as a competitor and teammate, had a different response.

"I said, 'Matty, if you choose to leave, I love you and I support you. But I want you to know the door is always open here,'" Helton recalled. "'I'm not totally sold that it's the right decision. But it's a decision that you've got to make personally.'"

Fink's teammates showed him the same support. It was fitting that Pittman was his primary target Friday after he backed Fink up during the transfer process.

"He was being a good teammate, a good friend and just a good overall person," Fink said. "He was saying, 'Look, man, you gotta do what's right for yourself. Because at the end of the day, it's your livelihood, it's your career."

And in June, after an official visit to Illinois and several other trips to prospective schools, Fink made the decision to stay at USC and wait for the moment that finally came Friday.

"That's the only thing that kept me motivated throughout the whole process," Fink said, "not to mention that I have a great team of brothers that continue to push me forward."

But against the Utes, it was Fink who pushed the Trojans forward.

USC's Olaijah Griffin has a spring in his step after surgery on both shoulders
By RYAN KARTJE, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AUG. 8, 2019

This past spring, before a barrage of interceptions made him the most buzzed-about defensive back at USC's training camp, Olaijah Griffin sat at home, doing little else but stewing in his own misery.

Offseason surgery on the labrums in both of his shoulders left him in agonizing pain, with limited range of motion. For weeks, he could barely move his arms. But the pain was only a small part of the self-pity that would come to consume him.

It was the stagnation that proved most maddening. Griffin couldn't practice. He couldn't do much of anything. So he sat and waited and thought about how much he missed football.

That pain, Griffin wouldn't be able to ease until months later, when he first stepped onto the turf at Howard Jones Field for fall camp and breathed a sigh of relief. It would take only a few days for a healthy Griffin, who arrived last year as a five-star recruit from Mission Viejo, to emerge as a potential No. 1 in a crowded group of young, talented USC corners, picking off more passes (five) during the first week of fall camp than USC's defense had all of last season (four).

"You see me getting picks," Griffin said, flashing a grin. "I'm feeling good."

But he hasn't forgotten about spring, a time he refers to as "the worst of my life." Until he arrived at this more joyous juncture, he says, "I went through hell."

After his freshman season, in which he missed four games because of injuries, he hadn't expected any sort of surgery. His shoulders felt fine. But medical exams prior to his arrival at USC had suggested that Griffin had "loose shoulders", which, coach Clay Helton explained Thursday, would have eventually needed to be operated on if he continued playing football. So the staff told Griffin it was best to take care of it right away, while he was still early in his collegiate career.

Both shoulder surgeries carried with them six-month recovery time lines, and each one of those days passed excruciatingly slowly. This was Griffin's first real surgery, his first time away from the game he'd fallen in love with at 4 years old. It felt as if a part of his identity had been stripped away. That was an unfamiliar notion for a player whom Helton describes as "happy as a lark".

As his recovery dragged on, Griffin began to notice the muscles he'd built up in his arms disappearing. He was horrified.

"I started to doubt myself," Griffin said. "Like, 'Dang, why do I look like this?'"

Every night, he called his parents, searching for support, and every night, they offered the same assurances. *Eventually*, they told him, *you're going to get better.* He wasn't the only one eagerly awaiting his return. USC desperately needed him to make a full recovery. Four major contributors at cornerback had graduated. The secondary needed to be retooled, and Griffin, with his five-star pedigree and his preternatural cover instincts, was an ideal heir apparent.

As he eventually regained range of motion in his arms and the pain, emotional and physical, subsided, Griffin began working harder than he ever had. Every day, his father, the rapper Warren G, sent him texts to inspire him.

But now that he was finally able to move forward, there would be no slowing his progress. He wanted to prove -- to himself, to his parents, to his teammates and coaches -- that he could pull himself out of the dark place he'd descended into over spring. Coaches saw his attention sharpen in meetings. They watched him put the weight he'd lost back on.

"He's made a lot of progress," defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast said.

"He had an unbelievable summer," Helton added.

And by the time he arrived at fall camp a week ago, the darkness had disappeared entirely. His shoulders are now fully healed. On the first day of camp, Griffin forced a fumble and intercepted a pass. The next day, he jumped a short route, picked off presumptive starting quarterback JT Daniels, and took the interception to the house. Already, after one week, Griffin seems to have a stranglehold on the top corner spot.

"He fought his way through it," Helton said, "and now, you can see him bouncing around here, and he's the old OG."

Griffin, though, understands he's different now -- perhaps, in a way that no one else could. His spring of self-pity left an indelible mark. He was stronger now. He was better for the misery. Because now, he knew he had the strength to get through it.

"I feel like this camp, for me, is about proving a point," Griffin said. "You might have a little setback. But you can have a major comeback."

The 27-year-old freshman: How Aussie punter Ben Griffiths fits in with USC
By Antonio Morales, The Athletic, August 16, 2019

LOS ANGELES – Ben Griffiths' official USC player bio doesn't dance around the obvious. "At 27," one sentence reads, the redshirt freshman punter is "one of the oldest Trojan football players ever."

Griffiths, who hails from Melbourne and is getting such a late start on his college football career because he spent eight seasons from 2010 to 2017 as a 6-foot-5, 250-pound forward in the Australian Football League, isn't satisfied with that description.

"I want to know who the oldest is," said Griffiths, who turns 28 on Sept. 17, "because I want to try and beat them if I can."

Age jokes, American culture and the intricacies of a new sport have all been part of Griffiths' adjustment to USC. And the Trojans need him to acclimate quickly and revive their punting game, which ranked 112th nationally among 130 FBS programs with an average of 38.73 yards per punt a year ago.

The assistant coach in charge of that turnaround is John Baxter, who is in the fourth year of his second stint on USC's staff and has had special teams duties attached to his title at every stop of his coaching career since 1986. Over that time, he's developed plenty of opinions. Around 2012, he believed it was necessary to look toward Australia for punters. For one thing, Baxter thought the Australian rules football player's skill set, with its increased emphasis on directional kicking, transferred well to punting. For another, he felt that the homefront was barren.

"This country doesn't produce punters," Baxter said after USC's practice Tuesday. "Under five (players), there's really not one player in high school in America ready to (punt in) Division I. Because there's no place in the country where you do that skill. If you look at the front yard in Australia, a dad and son are punting it back and forth to each other. Here, they play catch."

Baxter intended on going in this direction toward the end of his first stint as USC's special teams coordinator, but he was not retained when Steve Sarkisian was named head coach in December 2013. When Baxter reemerged as Michigan's special teams coordinator in 2015, he had an Australian punter in Blake O'Neill. (Baxter and O'Neill's lone year together in Ann Arbor will forever be remembered for O'Neill's botched punt in the final seconds that gave Michigan State a stunning win over the Wolverines.)

O'Neill had taken what has become a common transoceanic route to Michigan: Prokick Australia, a training academy designed to help Australian athletes transition into American football. Nathan Chapman, the head punting coach at Prokick, helps facilitate conversations between college coaches and those Australian athletes, which makes him the point person for specialist-needy coaches like Baxter.

In the wake of the departures of Reid Budrovich and Chris Tibley (another Australian), who shared punting duties in 2018, Baxter needed to find a punter in the 2019 class. At the same time, Griffiths was eyeing his options.

The Richmond Tigers had taken Griffiths as a teenager with a second-round pick in the 2009 Australian Football League draft and brought him into the top level of Aussie rules the next year. Griffiths scored 42 goals in 63 games over nearly eight and a half years, and he was getting paid to play a sport he'd been playing since he was 5. He had set out clear goals for what he wanted to do with his money and how he wanted to manage it.

"It's a pretty full-on (experience)" Griffiths said of his AFL career. "Looking back, I think about it. I probably wasn't mature enough to sort of grasp it."

But life after football was always in the back of Griffiths' mind. His retirement from Aussie rules wasn't a direct result of the toll concussions had taken on his career, he says, but the injuries helped put things into perspective.

"It doesn't last forever and it's such a small portion of your life," Griffiths said. "Looking past that and resetting goals about what I wanted to achieve off the field, and education was part of that. Unfortunately, the system back home doesn't facilitate full-time study. I was thinking about if I left the game, what would I have next to my name? I wanted to see past being a football player. Getting that degree was really appealing. Fortunately, there's a system over here that allows you to play the sport at a very high level whilst attaining a degree."

Griffiths said his Aussie rules teammates followed American sports closely, so he watched college football pretty regularly. One of his Tigers teammates, Ben Lennon, also trained with Chapman at Prokick and signed on to punt at Utah.

Griffiths met Chapman and the two spoke about his options, including all that the transition actually involves. Eventually, Chapman sent Baxter some film of Griffiths.

Baxter could see Griffiths was extremely raw. He would have to learn the game – working in yards instead of meters, understanding the pre-snap looks, identifying pressures, etc. – and he would have to train every day.

"But," Baxter said, "his talent is real."

Eventually, Baxter took a 17-hour flight to Australia.

"I was talking to (Baxter) and I was still contracted at the time," said Griffiths. "(I) got the offer and it was kind of a no-brainer to me. To extend my sporting career past however long it would have been back home was too good to turn down."

Griffiths enrolled at USC in January, and an ambitious acclimation process began. In the same class, the Trojans were adding a 27-year-old in Griffiths and a 17-year old in true freshman quarterback Kedon Slovis, who has since turned 18. Slovis had to ask head coach Clay Helton if he could go to his prom earlier this spring. Griffiths has already been to his 10-year high school reunion.

"He's an old dude but he's our age at heart," backup center Justin Dedich said. "He fits right in, probably because he played Australian football. We all accepted him with open arms."

Teammates have called Griffiths "Dad" or "Uncle," but he hasn't been called "fossil" yet, which he considers a win. It remains to be seen whether that will still be the case by the time he turns 31 during his senior season.

Still, Griffiths has been on the other side of this before. Ten years ago, when he was drafted by Richmond straight out of high school, he was the younger guy playing with veterans. He remembers sitting around as an 18-year-old as former players came to visit and talk to the team. They'd tell him time moves quickly and not to waste it.

"I'm sitting there thinking, 'Oh, gee, I've heard this a million times,'" Griffiths said. "But eight and a half years goes fast. I guess the thing that's changed is I'm the only old guy."

Griffiths tries to spend as much time as he can with different people on the team, but his closest friends are his fellow special teamers: long snapper Damon Johnson and kickers Alex Stadthaus, Thomas Fitts and Michael Brown.

He lives on campus, next to Johnson. With football and homework, Griffiths doesn't have much spare time, but when he is free, he goes hiking – Stadthaus took him to the Santa Monica Mountains – and plays a lot of beach volleyball. Johnson says they spend a lot of time playing with Griffiths' new dog or playing cornhole.

"He's a guy you want around if you're having a bad day," Johnson said. "He'll make you laugh. He's also one of those guys, he doesn't act 27 sometimes and he's able to relate to all of us."

There are things he doesn't relate to, though. Griffiths will readily admit that he's completely missed the boat on Fortnite and most video games. There's more hip-hop in the States than there is back home. College sports matter much more here than in Australia, where they're mostly irrelevant. Then there's the difference in vocabulary.

"The biggest thing I don't understand is that the biscuits are scones," Griffiths said. "Because biscuits back home are like your cookies. I've had plenty of debate about what's what.

"I'm still calling them scones."

Griffiths has put on 30 pounds since he arrived on campus, Baxter said. He's powerful, too. But most importantly to Baxter, Griffiths is athletic, the product of years playing his first love.

"The No. 1 trait of a good punter is his athleticism," the Trojans' special teams coach said. "That's not the No. 1 trait of every great kicker because as a punter, you have to catch that snap, and then everything's moving from then on. Your feet are moving, your body is moving, the ball is moving and it's not a round ball."

Griffiths described his punting style as pretty conventional. He's still trying to fine-tune his spiral, but he believes his drop punt is pretty good right now. Tyler Vaughns, a pretty sure-handed receiver, is one of several USC punt returners who have struggled to catch some of Griffiths' knuckleball punts.

Two things stand out when watching Griffiths in practice. First is the distance. He routinely boots the ball 50 yards, which would amount to a huge upgrade from a year ago, when the Trojans were getting by with 20- to 30-yard punts to open the season. Second is the hangtime. Griffiths' punts hang in the air for what seems like an extraordinary amount of time.

"I really think the guy is a weapon," Helton said earlier in training camp. "He's going into his first college game, but he's played at the pro level in the AFL. ... He's walked out here in these situations and it's mind-blowing what he could do with the ball."

If Griffiths' punting translates from the practice field to the Coliseum and everywhere else USC plays this fall, he'll be known for more than his age or his accent.

"Not in my 25 years (have I seen something like it)," Helton said. "Not that special of a leg."

John Houston Jr. is filling multiple roles for USC
BY SHOTGUN SPRATLING, USCFOOTBALL.COM, Aug 7, 2019

USC's middle linebacker group is packed full of talent. Some young players, some old. Some experienced at their spot and others taking on a new position for the first time.

Redshirt senior John Houston Jr. is filling multiple roles this year.

He's learning a new position, having flip-flopped with Palaie Gaoteote following the departure of four-year starting MIKE linebacker Cameron Smith. Houston, who is expected to be a third-year starter this fall, takes over the MIKE. He is now the man making the calls in the middle of the Trojans' defense.

Houston is learning but his teammates are also looking to him. He's the student and the teacher.

"The teacher's always still learning once you teach somebody, so I'm just trying to learn as much as I can, even when teaching somebody and just trying to step up and be a real mentor in the roles that we need this year," Houston said. "I know the defense pretty well, so my mind is free to make plays. I'll be able to play all free and just try to teach anybody I know."

The normally reserved Houston is being asked to be more vocal. In his new leadership role, Houston has been channelling Smith and the former captain's fiery competitiveness.

"He just came out with intensity just trying to push everybody to the limit and also trying to keep hisself the most competitive person out there," Houston said. "I bring that competitive edge and I'm trying to keep everybody's intensity on that edge where we're ready to go out, but [where] we play smart, not ignorant."

The Trojans will need multiple linebackers to step up following the loss of Smith, but Houston may be the most important. The veteran has 167 career tackles in 37 games (23 starts) over three seasons, including six for losses. He has 2.5 sacks along with nine pass deflections and an interception.

Houston has "played a lot of ball," head coach Clay Helton said. "He's one of those fifth-year guys. That's a value. Any time you get a guy that's actually in his fifth year, that doesn't happen a lot in college football any more and to be able to have that shows his experience. Him...really being the quarterback of that defense feels good to not only have talented guys there, but older guys and experienced guys."

Houston said the linebackers have really bonded, even he and senior Jordan Iosefa, who also changed linebacker positions moving from being the starter at SAM to competing against Houston for the MIKE spot before Iosefa suffered a knee injury that will keep him out for four to six weeks.

"That's still my brother, competition and all," Houston said prior to Iosefa's injury on Monday."It's the best player is gonna play and that's kind of week to week, so we both have to step out and just make our plays. Only thing we control is our play so that's what we're going to focus about."

Houston and Iosefa aren't the only ones competing at a position. There seems to be more competition throughout the roster, which Houston says shows a change for the team. The constant competition instilled by the new strength and conditioning staff has brought a different edge to fall camp, he said. There is more urgency for players to get on the field and prove their value, something Houston feels he has to do once being at a new position.

He has worked on play recognition this offseason and says he has to continue to be better at running to the ball. But his biggest emphasis has been consistency. A couple of extra pounds should help Houston as he endures the wear and tear of the season. He's at 225 pounds and is hoping to play between 228 and 230 pounds.

"I for sure got a little bit bigger. My body has got better, so I'm just trying to keep progressing every year, every month and every week. I feel pretty good. I mean I still have some room to improve and that's the best thing about it," Houston said. "I'm just trying to keep pushing forward and just not limit myself to where I am right now. I try to focus on what I can focus on. I mean, weight is gonna come. I just got to focus on my plays. Try to be a better leader on the field."

How Talanoa Hufanga overcame two collarbone breaks to become one of USC's defensive leaders
By ADAM GROSBARD, Southern California News Group, October 10, 2019

LOS ANGELES – As Talanoa Hufanga hit the ground during spring practice, a familiar pain washed over his shoulder. The USC safety would need an MRI, and likely an X-ray, but Hufanga knew the most likely outcome: He had broken his collarbone. Again.

The same injury that had cost Hufanga the end of his promising freshman season had struck again. This time, it would require surgery to repair and eight weeks to heal. It wasn't going to affect his ability to play games in the fall, but could have been a roadblock to him taking the next step as a sophomore.

Only, it didn't.

Hufanga has emerged as one of USC's most irreplaceable defenders. He averages more tackles per game (10.5) than any of his teammates, and is capable of making plays in all areas of the field, whether it's behind the line of scrimmage in the run game, or in the secondary to break up a pass.

"I think he brings a whole other energy level to our defense when he's available," defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast said. "You can see it by his play. He really leads by example."

Hufanga approached his rehab from the two breaks with enthusiasm, to which teammate, roommate and cousin Marlon Tuipulotu can attest. Hufanga never missed his rehab in the morning and made sure he was in shape and ready to go for fall camp.

"He kicked adversity in the butt," Tuipulotu said. "He did everything he had to do get back, and now we're seeing what he's doing on the field."

But where Hufanga did most of his work while he was on the shelf was in the film room. Described by Pendergast as a "gym rat," Hufanga took that enthusiasm and turned it to the mental aspect of the game.

It was then that Hufanga fine-tuned one of his biggest strengths: reading the offense. He looked for keys that could help him predict what came next, an asset teammates and coaches have identified as Hufanga's instinctual plays.

How much film Hufanga would watch per day varied, but it's a habit that's carried past the summer. As he walks in between classes, he watches tape on his cell phone. He started preparing for this weekend's matchup with Notre Dame on the first day of the bye week.

"I watched film a lot when I was in high school, but it's a little different when you're moving on to a college setting," Hufanga said. "You get a sense of urgency. You get a different sense of systems and schemes. So for me to just understand schemes and understand my positioning, puts us in a better position to make plays."

He applies his film study to himself, too, looking for areas for improvement each week. It leaves him unsatisfied with any area of his game.

"Proudest of? None, because I still got to work. I got a lot of things to work on," said Hufanga, who played at Crescent Valley High in Corvallis, Oregon. "Just being better with my eyes, I think I need to work on that. Play a little bit faster, instinctively. Just be able to get downhill a little bit faster, I think I need to work on that, too."

Regardless of his self assessment, USC has come to rely on Hufanga. The Trojan defense played admirably without him against Washington, as he sat with a concussion and AC sprain, but there's excitement with him expected to return against Notre Dame.

Senior captain Christian Rector noticed last season that the defense could depend on Hufanga, who even as a true freshman started five games and recorded 51 tackles in eight contests. So getting the safety back before facing the No. 15 scoring offense in the country is a shot in the arm for USC.

"It's huge. It boosts the confidence of the defense," Rector said. "He's a guy we can rely on to come up big for us."

Hufanga's leadership has extended off the field, too, to USC's search for a new athletic director. He was picked as a student-athlete representative for the search committee, providing his unique perspective and viewing it as a learning experience on how these processes work.

"It's a pleasure for me just to go out there and be a part of it," Hufanga said. "[I offer] a student-athlete's perspective. What we need as a culture, as equality between males and females."

But on Saturday, it will be back to football for Hufanga, much to the rest of the USC defense's relief.

USC's Austin Jackson calls bone marrow donation to sister 'a godsend'
By RYAN KARTJE, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AUG. 3, 2019

His instinct had always been to protect her. He was the older brother. As he saw it, it was his responsibility.

So when his sister's body began to fail her, when the treatments stopped working and the side effects grew stronger and the disease she'd fought her entire life became increasingly dire, Austin Jackson did not hesitate.

While blood transfusions kept Autumn alive over the last five years, Jackson, now a 6-foot-6, 310-pound junior left tackle at USC, could do little to protect his little sister from the one thing he wanted to most. Autumn suffers from Diamond Blackfan Anemia (DBA), an exceedingly rare genetic disorder that keeps her bone marrow from producing red blood cells. Managing her condition, which afflicts fewer than 3,000 people worldwide, meant year after year of endless pills and constant prodding with needles. Still, Autumn fought through it all, rarely complaining.

But as treatment options diminished recently, she could no longer fight on her own. She needed a bone marrow transplant.

Her older brother just happened to be a perfect match.

"It was a godsend," Jackson says. "There are 12 criteria through blood that you match. I matched all 12."

After years of watching her suffer and searching for ways to help, it felt like fate. In a blog post about her transplant, Autumn called her brother "my only hope."

Jackson had already decided long before he was tested that, if called upon, he would happily be his sister's donor. In that calculus, he hadn't given football much consideration. But when he told Clay Helton of his intentions, the USC coach offered his full support.

"Football is just a game," he said. As far as Helton was concerned, this was "a blessing from God."

Less than a month after bone marrow was extracted through three points in his lower back, Jackson took the field Friday for USC's first fall camp practice. The starting left tackle was able to work through most of the non-contact portions of practice. As he recovers from the surgery that could save his sister's life, USC plans to take things slowly with his return.

Jackson spent most of this past summer back in Phoenix, awaiting word on when Autumn's body would allow for the transplant. When the day finally came last month, the procedure took 3 1/2 hours. It left him almost completely immobile for the next week, his lower back throbbing with pain. Still, as soon as he was discharged the night of his operation, he went to see Autumn.

"You don't know what's going to happen after," Jackson said. "It was pretty emotional. We're not a big crying family, so there wasn't a whole lot of that."

It was the uncertainty that awaited that would prove most agonizing in the weeks that followed. All Jackson and his family could do was wait to see whether Autumn's body accepted the foreign bone marrow.

Then, a week ago, the family received good news. Autumn was coming home from the hospital a month earlier than expected. Her body had begun to accept her brother's marrow.

"She's a fighter," Jackson said. "She's really tough."

The process of rebuilding Autumn's immune system will require more fighting still. She's currently undergoing chemotherapy, and more treatments might be necessary.

But as Jackson returned to the practice field this past week, he was finally able to move forward. He'd done all he could to keep his sister safe. Now, his family told him, he could focus on football again.

It felt like a new beginning.

"I had to come back out here and start my life back up," Jackson said. "That's my focus now. My family told me to trust that my sister is going to be OK. They're going to take care of her.

"I'm going to hold down the left side."

From birth certificate to USC debut, Drake Jackson always felt destined to be a Trojan
By ADAM GROSBARD, Southern California News Group, September 5, 2019

On April 12, 2001, a baby boy was born at Kaiser Harbor City. Twenty-one inches, eight pounds. When it came time to fill out his newborn son's birth certificate, Dennis Jackson had a highly specific, and prophetic, answer.

"Drake Jackson, University of Southern California, outside linebacker, 265 pounds."

If the doctors and the nurses in the room were taken aback, they kept their composure well, simply telling the father it was too long of a name. But that didn't stop Dennis, a USC fan from his childhood in L.A. and a former junior college football player, from introducing Drake Jackson that way throughout his childhood.

Eighteen years later, son has proved father correct. Drake Jackson made his collegiate debut Saturday, indeed for USC. He's 10 pounds heavier than his father's prediction, and plays defensive end instead of outside linebacker. But those details are meaningless in the context of the big picture.

"It's just crazy, honestly," Drake Jackson said, breaking out in a toothy grin when reminded of what his legal name might have been. "To what he wished when I was younger to how it's really coming true now. Everything he said is just right spot on. He prayed that to God and it happened, so God is rooting for us."

But prayer alone doesn't make a Division I football player. You also need hours of work, and Jackson and his father got started on that early in life. The two spent early mornings and late nights together. Strength work, conditioning, you name it.

"I really love him for that," Jackson said. "I'm prepared for everything. The drills we do out here, it's crazy, I've been doing them since I was young. All of this is just another level."

It wasn't always clear that Jackson was going to make it to this particular level. When he arrived at Corona Centennial as a freshman, he wasn't the most coordinated player on the field.

"He was like a baby giraffe out there," Centennial head coach Matt Logan recalled.

It wasn't until the second game of Drake's sophomore year that Dennis realized his son was going to play college football. The Huskies played IMG Academy, a school known as a football powerhouse. Even with future D-I players throughout the offensive line, Jackson was able to impose his will on them.

Jackson's growth was helped by his ability to absorb knowledge on the field. Logan described Jackson as a one-line coaching player, meaning he only needed one sentence of instruction before he understood the correction he needed to make.

All the while, he was still "Drake Jackson, University of Southern California, outside linebacker, 265 pounds" to his father.

Jackson never took that as extra pressure.

"Not at all. It's my dad. What I do is for him, my mom, my sister, my little brother, my grandma," Jackson listed. "I would be letting him down if I didn't play right."

When it came time for a college decision, Jackson vacillated between USC and Arizona State, unsure which school to decide. Eventually, he couldn't picture himself anywhere other than USC.

That instinct was validated Saturday. Jackson remained remarkably poised for a true freshman, describing his first college game as just the next step in his evolution.

He did allow himself, however, to soak in how right it felt to play in the Coliseum, living out his father's dream.

"It felt like this is where you need to be, this is where you're gonna be, this is where you're gonna set your legacy up," Jackson said.

Jackson admits he still surprises himself from time to time. Getting 1.5 tackles for loss and half a sack, not to mention two pass breakups, as a true freshman in his first game went beyond even his own expectations.

And those stats were just gravy for Dennis Jackson, who rode an emotional wave as he stood with 30 other family members in the stands.

"As soon as he ran out the tunnel, tears just started rolling down my face," said Dennis, who stands at 6-foot-2 and 300 pounds himself. "People were looking at me like, 'What's going on?' And I was like, 'That's my son.'"

When the game was over, Dennis and the rest of the family made their way down to the field to celebrate with their son, their brother, their grandson. Dennis wrapped his boy up in a bear hug, as tight as any grip Jackson used to tackle that day.

"What we worked for, what we did all those early mornings, late nights that we were having together, it's kind of crazy that it's all happened," Jackson said. "It was supposed to happen like this, I feel like."

After major stroke, John Jackson Jr. sets goal to return to Coliseum to watch his son, John III, play for USC
By Brady McCollough, Los Angeles Times, April 17, 2019

The doctors told John Jackson Jr. and his family that his upcoming surgery had been honed in the crucible of war. If a soldier's brain was wounded in battle, they would open his skull and remove a slice to relieve pressure. That piece of cranium would then be inserted into the stomach, preserved there until the swelling decreased enough to put it back where it belonged.

John Jr. did not know whether the surgeons at Torrance Memorial Medical Center would be able to take him apart and reassemble him like those soldiers. He believed – they had kept him ticking for more than a month since the stroke – but he still had to be realistic about all of the possibilities. At just 52 years old, that meant he needed to have a talk with his oldest son.

On a January morning, John Jackson III drove down to the South Bay from USC, the school of his dreams, to see the man who planted that seed without really having to try. John Jr.'s short-term memory was strained, but he remembered very well what it was like to be a freshman wide receiver for the Trojans. If he had a bad practice, he would be so hard on himself. Now he was about to put a teenager's problem into proper perspective.

When it was time for surgery, John Jr. wanted John III by his side. His wife and two younger kids stayed behind as the men of the house rode an elevator down to the operating room floor. The ability to communicate without sign language or John Jr. pointing at pictures to convey a simple message felt like an immense gift, and yet, here was Dad, going back under.

"This is serious. There's a chance I might not make it out," John III recalls his father saying in the stark cold of the surgery prep room. "I want you to know that no matter what happens I need you to take care of the family."

John Jr. apologized to John III for being in this situation. Taking care of the family actually meant taking care of himself first – getting started on his real estate major, meeting the right people in the famed Trojans network and establishing himself quickly in the USC football program as more than a legacy roster holder – all the while taking younger brother Jaden to his baseball games on the weekends and being there for his mother and sister, too.

The message would change John III forever. No matter what happens. Those were the key words. Dad wasn't telling him to grow up only under the condition that he died. He was telling him he had to grow up – period. That he might have to do it without his personal life coach directing him was just an unfair obstacle.

John Jr. had said what he needed to say. He was all prepped now. The Torrance Memorial staff wheeled him into the operating room, leaving John III alone.

His thoughts turned to something as simple and digestible as football. John III decided he was going to work so hard to become a better player that when his dad came to USC football practice in the spring and looked at the wide receivers, John Jr. wouldn't even be able to pick him out in the crowd of potential All-Americans and future pros. Oddly, John III's goal for his freshman season was to blend in.

On Dec. 4, the day the stroke silenced John Jackson Jr., John III sat down to write the first of 17 letters to his dad.

"Today, I got my classes at USC," John III typed into his laptop. "I was able to sit down with Sonia, and she helped me pretty much with 100 percent. She really likes me, possibly more than you."

Since John III couldn't talk to his dad, he wanted to write exactly as they talked, the sentences tinged with biting sarcasm and the tough-love mentality that defined his rearing. Of course Sonia Savoulian, the associate director for Programs in Real Estate at the USC Price School did not like him more than Dad, but John III thought John Jr. would find that funny.

"Usually," John III continued, "this is the part where you would say, 'Oh son, that's good, because she's a powerful person, and you will need her a lot more than she needs you.' "

It would be easy to see John Jackson III playing football at USC as a boy living out the dream his father set out before him, but that would be an incorrect assumption. In truth, John III deciding during his senior year at Gardena Serra High that he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps to USC instead of pursuing a professional baseball career signified the young man stepping out on his own.

His old man's thoughts on the topic were complicated, to be sure. But John Jackson Jr., he of the one-time-record 163 career receptions, of the 1989 All-Pac-10 first-team designation, of the two-time Academic All-American honors, did not want his boy to play football for USC. As he aged, despite his lifelong devotion to Trojans football, John Jr. more identified with the forgotten side of his athletic resume as a first-team All-Pac-10 baseball player, leading the team in hitting one season and setting the school record for stolen bases.

Baseball came so easy for John III, and in Dad's mind, football was just another sport to help round out his adolescent experience, another passion they could share.

But really, what could John Jr. have expected? He raised the boy in cardinal and gold, taking him to the Coliseum and to campus often once John Jr. joined Pete Arbogast in the radio broadcast booth. On John III's bedroom wall hung a framed photo of his dad in a USC uniform and another of Pete Carroll.

It had been the same way for John Jr. growing up, with John Sr. coaching the Trojans running backs and John Jr. collecting the game-worn wristbands of Heisman Trophy winners Marcus Allen and Charles White. John Jr. would choose to pursue football, too, spending a few seasons in the NFL with the Phoenix Cardinals and Chicago Bears. He caught nine career passes and spent the rest of his life wondering what he could have done in baseball.

John III had wanted to be a baseball player, too. But by the time he was a senior at Serra in 2017, he had switched from quarterback to wide receiver and emerged as a three-star prospect. USC coach Clay Helton was recruiting him but not intensely since the Trojans already had blue-chip receivers Amon-Ra St. Brown and Devon Williams lined up.

Given that Major League Baseball scouts had their eyes on his son, John Jr. just couldn't see it. One day, John III wanted his dad to take him to a seven-on-seven practice, and John Jr. told his son to forget about football and to go hit.

"Dad, what do you think, I can't make it?" John III asked him. "What do you think? I'm not good enough?"

"It really hurt my heart," John Jr. would say. "That was shocking, because it sort of hit me like, you know what, this is his life, not my own. If it was my choice, he never would have picked up a football. But if my kid is questioning my confidence in him, then I've got to back off."

USC football was such a part of John III that it wasn't really a choice. Plus, John III enjoyed how much more attention he got for playing football – he was overjoyed when his Instagram followers jumped to 1,000 – and there was nothing like a packed Coliseum.

"He went on a recruiting trip," Ann-Frances Jackson recalled, "he walked into the stadium and looked around, and I said, 'What do you think?' And he said, 'Mom, how could you say no to all of this?' "

Helton wasn't exactly offering him the keys to the kingdom, though. John III's scholarship was contingent on him taking a grey-shirt year, postponing his enrollment into USC until the second semester and joining the team as a freshman then. He would quite literally be an afterthought, forced to take classes in the fall at a junior college, and yet, as scouts pushed for him to choose baseball up until the June draft, John III told them not to use a selection on him.

Now it was December, almost time for John III to finally live his dream, and he could not hear his dad's advice. He kept writing those letters through the holidays, sleeping next to his dad many nights in a small chair in the hospital room, begging him to wake up. They looked for any sign he was still in there, squeezing his hand, hoping for the faintest touch in return.

John III had always relished the thought of his dad calling one of his USC games from the booth. With him unable to speak, that vision felt too far off.

Early one morning in late December, about 1:45, John Jr. woke. John III and his aunt happened to be awake, too. His father knew sign language, and he was trying to say something with his right hand. Frantically, they searched Google for the meaning. After 10 minutes, they had it.

John Jr. was signaling "JJ3."

Once it became clear that John Jackson III was going to attend USC, his dad would joke with him that he would walk him to class in the mornings.

"Just like you were in elementary," John Jr. would say, "hold your hand, give you a kiss good-bye!"

John III would brush off his cantankerous dad, but this winter, as he contemplated a life without him, he was more than open to any fatherly embarrassment John Jr. could bring.

On the day of the stroke, John III heard the news and figured his dad would be down for a day or two and back at it. This was the guy who once took a baseball to the face, losing a tooth, and kept on leading his son's practice like it was nothing. But seeing John Jr. laid out unconscious and attached to ventilator tubes, day after day, resonated.

Then there was their conversation before the January surgery.

"It allowed me to realize that, although I'm kind of in my own little zone, I have a family that's looking up to me and looking for me to fill holes that my dad usually takes care of," John III said.

John Jr. came out of that surgery just fine. In the weeks that followed, a bandage covered the hole in his head, and Ann-Frances could not get over the doctors appearing nonchalant about a part of his skull being embedded in his stomach. They would compare the swelling in his brain to a swollen ankle. In both cases, you just had to wait it out. Eventually, another surgery was performed to put the skull back together. That one went as planned, too.

Still, John Jr. had a long road ahead. His left side was left nearly paralyzed from the stroke, and he would have to relearn how to walk. His speech came back slowly. In all ways, his family had to protect him, encouraging him to pace himself even though they just wanted him back whole.

John III focused on what his dad had told him. He started classes in the real estate program and started looking for summer internships, too. Waking up at 5:30 a.m. to work out became normal, as he pushed to increase his speed to catch up as an attribute to his size, 6 feet 2, 200 pounds. As January became February, John Jr. could keep better tabs, and he liked what he was hearing.

"That was a lot of weight for me to put on his shoulders," John Jr. said, "but he didn't waver. He didn't say, 'No, that's not for me. You better find somebody else.' I couldn't be prouder of him for that."

On March 5, USC staged its first spring practice. John Jr. couldn't be there to see it, and the reality was he probably wouldn't be able to see him in that cardinal practice jersey until August. But that didn't take anything away from the moment for John III. After all, this was his dream, and he had dragged his father along into it with him.

John III slipped on the uniform for the first time and took stock of himself in the mirror.

"It was a dream come true," John III said.

He wore No. 87, not the No. 1 that his father donned as a Trojan. He could have asked for No. 1 from Helton, but John III had a calculated reason for staying quiet. His dad wore No. 29 during his first year on campus before asking for No. 1.

"I want it to be one of those things where it's earned," John III said. "Honestly, this is an unfortunate situation, but I don't want to use this as a reason to get No. 1. I want to get it the same way any other kid would get it, through my play, rather than it just being given to me because of who wore it before me."

More than four months have passed since paramedics wheeled John Jackson Jr. through the doors of this hospital, and the mood feels lighter today in the lobby of the transitional care unit of Torrance Memorial. His partner in the Coliseum booth, play-by-play man Arbogast, has stopped by for his weekly visit.

John Jr.'s mind has been active for the past hour, working at peak efficiency when discussing the past, particularly his son's journey. His body is coming along, too, and he shows it by moving his left foot in the wheelchair.

"I haven't seen that yet," Arbogast says.

John Jr. then twitches the fingers on his left hand.

"I haven't seen that either!" Arbogast says.

"If your stroke had hit the other side of your brain," Arbogast reminds him, "you wouldn't be able to talk and reason and all that stuff."

"How lucky I am," John Jr. deadpans.

He can't remember anything that happened between the stroke and his birthday, Jan. 2. Everything that came after has been a never-ending grind.

"When I started, I was counting the tiles on the ceiling," John Jr. says. "When I first went 10 tiles, that was a big thing. Then, I walked 33 tiles, and that was my record. The trainers are good. They'll say, 'Wow, I remember when you were only doing two tiles.' "

With the help of a walker, John can make one lap around the TCU. A week after this April 10 visit, he will be moved to an acute rehabilitation center, the first big step toward an existence that includes regular trips to USC to watch his son play football.

Arbogast and many other Trojans continue to keep him apprised of his son's progress on the field. John III even brought film with him to the hospital, inviting his dad's coaching. Because of a lack of depth at his position, John III worked immediately with the second team, but Helton's comments to media early in camp indicated he was worthy of the work.

The most important thing was that John III felt that way, too. He proved to himself that he belonged on the same field as St. Brown, Michael Pittman Jr. and Tyler Vaughns.

"After he had a few good practices," John Jr. says, "he came in and he said, 'Dad, we did it.' "

He fights back tears.

"I'll never forget that," he says. "Every drive to Rancho Cucamonga for seven-on-seven where I'm falling asleep was worth it. It was all worth it to hear that one sentence that he said to me."

The letters the son wrote to his father remain stacked at John Jr.'s bedside, unread because reading is still too much of a chore. Someday Dad will read them, and he will further understand that John III did not choose football over baseball.

"It was USC football," John III explained. "It's something about it. I get goosebumps being in the locker room. I'm in love with USC."

That love was always shared between them. Now, the USC football dream is theirs, too.

"When I first came out of this and I couldn't move, I said, 'I don't care what happens. I will be at the Coliseum to watch him run out of the tunnel,' " John Jr. says. "Half the time when I'm working out, that's all I think about. It makes it a lot easier to get up for workouts at 7:30 in the morning, because it's the only way I'm going to be able to get to that Coliseum for Game 1."

How Michael Pittman Jr. overcame a stutter to become a face of USC football
By ADAM GROSBARD, Southern California News Group, August 29, 2019

Michael Pittman Jr. dreaded the call.

As the future USC receiver sat in class, paying attention to whatever the teacher was lecturing about that given day, the phone rang. The teacher went to check on the shrill interruption, and looked up at Pittman.

"Michael," the unwelcome announcement began, "you have to go to speech."

Once a week from first through sixth grade, the heads turned as Pittman packed up his bag, walked through the rows of desks and out the door. It was time to go to speech therapy to learn techniques to deal with his lifelong stutter.

"It was embarrassing," Pittman recalled. "It would be like, 'Dang, here I go.' If somebody just gets up out of the room, that draws attention. As a young kid, that can be terrifying."

OVERCOME

If you were to see Pittman now, a senior at USC, you'd never know what he struggled with as a kid. People around the program who interact with him on a daily basis don't realize he has a stutter, in which he elongates certain words.

But that doesn't mean it's gone away. Just that he's gotten better at coping with it.

"There's still sometimes where I want to say something but I know if I open my mouth I'm going to start stuttering and stuff," Pittman explains. "So there's some times where I don't say what I really want to say because I know it will take me a long time to say it."

Pittman has learned how to pick his moments, which is much different from when he was a kid.

He used to avoid answering questions in class, to prevent any embarrassment or harassment at the hands of his classmates. Sometimes, he had to resort to using hand signals to get his point across when words failed him.

"I'd be at home trying to ask my dad for something and we'd be sitting there for 30 seconds waiting for me to say something," Pittman said, "and then eventually I'd get so frustrated I'd just point to it."

The reason for his frustration wasn't difficult to discern. His stutter, partly caused by allergies that cause fluid in the ear and nasal passage to flow and disrupt his hearing, became a subject of teasing from both his family and classmates and friends. Even being the biggest kid in school didn't shield him from it.

Pittman did a better job of ignoring these comments than most kids his age would, but they still bothered him. His mother, Kristin Randall, did her best to protect him from them when she could.

"If we were out at a theme park or something and I heard somebody say something, I of course spoke up for him," Randall said. "He moved on. He knows he has his speech problem. He's OK with it. He deals with it."

It's something Pittman has worked on for years. Generally, the stutter comes up not when he's nervous but rather when he feels he has something important to say. That can compound the frustration.

In his speech therapy classes with a handful of other students, Pittman learned to pause and speak more slowly to draw out his thoughts and minimize the chances of a stutter. He would record himself talking and then listen to it, discovering more reliable words he could use to begin sentences.

Then, a funny thing happened. Pittman started to follow in the footsteps of his father, former NFL running back Michael Pittman. The younger Pittman emerged as a star receiver, picking up offers from schools all across the country.

And with the offers came interview requests.

"I've been forced into a lot of public speaking because of football. I kinda got forced into that where I necessarily didn't want to," Pittman said, "but that opportunity forced me to work on my speech."

TAKE THE STAGE

You'd think that for someone with a stutter, Pac-12 media day would be your worst nightmare. But Pittman handled the event as if there were no cause for concern.

He bounced from radio interviews to discussions with local and national reporters in his red-and-black polo. He kept his speech slow and deliberate, coming off as thoughtful rather than cautious.

Not that Pittman isn't a thoughtful interview; he's evolved into one of the public faces and leaders of the Trojans because of his honesty and insight. But his pace is just a way of keeping the stutter at bay.

The ease with which he handled Pac-12 media day disguised the work Pittman put in prior to the event with his mom.

"We just talked about taking it slow, listening, talking slow. And breathing is one of the big things involved with speaking, so he needs to really focus on his breath," Randall said. "It's amazing to me that he's even able to interview and look so comfortable doing it."

CLOSING CHAPTER

Pittman didn't need to come back to USC. He could have followed his father's footsteps to the NFL following his junior season, in which he had 41 receptions for 758 yards with 6 TDs and led the Pac-12 with 18.5 yards per reception (19th nationally).

But he had personal goals, like being named an All-American, that he wanted one last crack at before going to the pros.

"I'm just taking every day and leaving no doubt that I'm doing everything I can," Pittman said. "I don't want to look back and go, 'Oh, if I had worked a little harder, if I had done this or that.' I'm doing anything and everything it takes."

He accomplished another of his goals on Thursday, as he was one of four seniors named captain by his teammates, earning a spot for his name on the plaques honoring USC captains. He can't always be the most vocal leader, but his example and play bridge that gap.

"He's shown captain characteristics, I think, his whole time here," head coach Clay Helton said. "His want ... to not only be an offensive player, but to help on special teams. He brings those characteristics to the table and he's brought it in the offseason."

Now, Pittman has maybe just 12 games left in his USC career. Then it's on to the pros and, he hopes, to a life where he can make an impact on kids with stutters, like him.

He wants to help spread awareness about the condition and educate schools about how to handle kids with a speech impediment. For instance, don't take the kid out of the middle of class for therapy, and instead make it a before- or after-school activity.

And Pittman wants to work with the kids themselves and help them overcome what he has for so many years.

"You shouldn't see it as, 'There's something wrong with me,'" Pittman said. "It's pretty much just who you are. It's thinking faster than your mouth can move."

From Tennessee turmoil to a fresh start at USC, Drew Richmond charts his own path forward –
By Antonio Morales, The Athletic, September 20, 2019

LOS ANGELES – The past four years have been filled with ridicule, criticism, frustration and, sometimes, the feeling he wasn't good enough. But when Drew Richmond, USC's 6-foot-5, 315-pound right tackle, takes a seat in the media work room inside Heritage Hall, there is a certain sense of peace to him.

He knew what he was looking for when he moved all the way from Knoxville, Tenn., to Los Angeles for his final season, and he's seemingly pinpointed it. Venturing outside the SEC footprint is something Richmond, who initially committed to Ole Miss before signing with Tennessee and embarking upon a highly-scrutinized college career, couldn't have envisioned when he was 18, and it comes with some culture shock. "There are not many wing spots around here," Richmond said. "I love wings, man."

But otherwise, he seems at ease. Alvin Kamara has noticed it, too.

Richmond and the New Orleans Saints' star running back were teammates at Tennessee, but they also consider each other best friends, dating to their decision to join the Volunteers' decorated 2015 signing class, which finished No. 4 in the 24/7 Sports composite rankings. Kamara signed with Tennessee out of Hutchinson Community College that December and was keeping tabs on who would join him when Richmond reached out in search of advice about navigating the recruiting process. The two quickly developed a deep bond.

"It wasn't even always about football," Kamara said. "Just how I handled situations, my views on certain things, just stuff like that, so it was definitely one of those relationships where he was one of my closest friends and still is to this day."

But it's what Kamara chose not to say that ushered Richmond into the final act of his college career as a more mature, more confident person entrusted with a crucial role on the Trojans' offensive line. He'll be in the spotlight as USC hosts No. 10 Utah in a high-stakes Pac-12 South contest at the Coliseum, trying to ward off the negative vibes circling the Trojans while his old school tries to salvage its

foundering season in its SEC opener against Florida. Having moved from one program with no shortage of recent turmoil to another, Richmond has a unique perspective on what a season on the brink looks like — and how to handle it.

Everyone wanted a piece of Richmond in winter 2015, when he was the No. 56 overall player and the No. 3 offensive tackle in that recruiting cycle. He had offers from Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, LSU, Ohio State and Oklahoma, just to name a few.

Richmond committed to Ole Miss in September 2014 but flipped to Tennessee just before signing day. At Richmond's request, then-Volunteers coach Butch Jones wore a bow tie for the first time when the offensive lineman signed.

"(These recruits) get told how wonderful life is going to be and how great it's going to be by the coaches who want them to come there," said Bobby Alston, Richmond's head coach at Memphis University School. "Then once they get them signed up, they start de-recruiting them and tell them what they kind of thought the whole time. The kids a lot of time aren't prepared for that, the business side of it. In Drew's case, particularly, where he changed at the last minute where he was going, I just think he got misled a lot."

Expectations were high for Richmond, and he came in with a promise he'd start as a freshman, as he detailed in a Players' Tribune article announcing his transfer to USC. Instead, another freshman, Chance Hall, won the starting job at right tackle, and Richmond redshirted. He told reporters his football IQ wasn't where it should have been when he enrolled.

He wasn't the only new Vols player dissatisfied with his playing time. Kamara wasn't getting the touches he wanted, running behind Jalen Hurd on the depth chart. Kamara determined he would focus on what he could control and not let the coaches or outside stress get to him, and he recommended Richmond do the same.

"He used to come to me a lot and ask, 'How do you deal with Coach? Personally, not being where you want to be at?'" Kamara said. "I would just tell him based off experience. I had plenty of experience going to Alabama, going to juco and being at Tennessee. I would just give him pieces of my personal experience and just try to be like a guide for him to not lose focus, not lose faith and keep going."

In 2016, the last year before Kamara left early for the NFL Draft, Richmond was named the starting left tackle. He started six games there as a redshirt freshman and seven more in 2017, and then all 12 games at right tackle in 2018. But he didn't live up to the expectations built for him when he signed with Tennessee, and the Vols won just nine games in his final two seasons on campus. They were losing more than anyone thought they might, and Richmond's performance wasn't satisfying anybody. He became a social media lightning rod.

"Butch always used to say, 'Don't let the speed of life get you,'" Richmond recalled. "That's kind of what I learned throughout my time at Tennessee. The speed of life could have really gotten to you. You were in a college town and everything is surrounded by football. We had some good years where we were winning, too. The noise can really distract you and harm you. It really can."

"I just think he took more blame for their problems than what he deserved," Alston said. "The situation there had gotten so toxic. I'm sure he's happy to be somewhere he's not going to be the blunt of every problem that ever occurred."

Kamara said it was tough to watch his close friend be criticized as much as he was at Tennessee. He remembers Richmond visiting his apartment every day and talking about life, and he was left with the feeling his friend was misunderstood.

"They felt he was one of those guys that didn't work hard or he didn't really care. But I don't think that was the case," Kamara said. "I think it was more of him figuring out his role and what he was really there for. There were a lot of things that weren't really being relayed to him in the right way. He was more confused than anything, and it's tough. I think a lot of doubt creeps in when you don't really know.

"When you have a staff that you feel doesn't understand you, it's hard to be you."

After a turbulent four years at Tennessee in which he played under two different coaching staffs and three different offensive line coaches, Richmond took stock of his situation. He entered the transfer portal in January, telling himself he had accomplished everything he set out to do with the Volunteers.

USC offensive line coach Tim Drevno picked up on two things when he recruited Richmond. The first was Richmond wanted to get a great master's degree (he's pursuing one in social entrepreneurship). The second was he was making a business decision.

"It was like I needed to recruit him, and he wanted to see all the bells and whistles of SC," Drevno said. "'Where can I fit in and what's my role in the room?' I imagine he has aspirations to be a National Football League player and this was an opportunity to build his resume and help us win. That's the way he went about making his decision."

Once again, Richmond had plenty of suitors. He visited USC, Florida State, Vanderbilt, N.C. State and Oklahoma State. Usually, that would have been the point when Richmond picked Kamara's brain.

But that time, Kamara stayed quiet. Kamara's time in Knoxville was messy — "F—ed up" is the term Kamara used with Sports Illustrated to describe his treatment by Jones' staff, under whose watch he lost carries to less explosive players. The Saints star checked in on Richmond through other people, but he wanted to distance himself from the process.

"I don't want to be louder than Drew," Kamara said. "I don't want to be louder than the voice in his head. So, I'm going to step back and let him feel his way throughout this. ... He's mature and grown up and he's acquired more knowledge and he's more readily equipped to make the decision on his own."

Richmond wanted to be around genuine people for the second phase of his collegiate career, people who supported him and were geared toward preparing him for the next level. He was enthralled by the stage USC provided.

"The history that's here. My teammates, I'm playing with some great guys, talented. It was just an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Richmond said. "It just gave me a feeling I really didn't feel anywhere else."

Most importantly, Richmond found that feeling on his own — just what Kamara wanted.

"He was able to come up with and formulate a sound decision that was best for him," Kamara said. "I think he did well."

"That was step one right there because I consult a lot of things with him," Richmond said. "This was one situation where he was like, 'I had to let you figure this one out yourself and you be your own voice of reasoning.' That just really propelled me to just grow in confidence with the player and person I am."

Richmond committed to USC in late April but wasn't ruled eligible to enroll in classes until mid-July, which inconveniently kept him from player-run practices and pushed up the timeline in which he needed to learn an entirely new offense. When Richmond arrived on campus, the assumption most observers had was he'd compete for the starting right tackle job with Jalen McKenzie, who has known Richmond since he was 16 and whose brother Kahlil was also part of Tennessee's 2015 signing class.

Throughout the first few weeks of camp, Richmond took reps with the first-team offense only when Austin Jackson was limited at left tackle. By the end of training camp, Richmond started receiving first-team reps at right tackle. Drevno moved McKenzie over to right guard, and Richmond earned the starting job during the opening week of the season.

"I thought somewhere maybe in the third week of training camp, (he) started coming along," Drevno said. "He's much better from the first game to the second game and to the third game. He's starting to get more comfortable and he's progressing nicely."

"He brings a lot of knowledge," McKenzie said. "He played a lot of ball, so he has seen a lot of stuff. He brings that Southern nastiness. He's a guy who tries to do everything right."

Through three games, Richmond has provided a stable presence on the right side of USC's offensive line. The false start penalties and whiffed block he was mocked for are nowhere to be found. The Trojans need his best this week against Utah, which boasts one of the most talented defensive fronts USC will see all year.

"I told our guys in the team meeting right off the bat, I think this is going to be a big man's game," USC head coach Clay Helton told reporters on Monday. "I think whoever controls the offensive and defensive fronts will win the game."

After two encouraging performances to open the season, the Trojans' offensive line was one of the glaring issues in Saturday's 30-27 overtime loss to BYU, a result that turned up the heat on Helton.

Two years ago, Richmond found himself on a team at a similar inflection point in its season. The Volunteers started 2-0 in 2017, just like USC has, then suffered a last-second loss to Florida. After that, everything unraveled, and Jones was fired with two games left in the season.

"Obviously, it got harder (to block out) as the season went on," Richmond said about the rumors about Jones' job security. "Hearing about that before, it didn't really hurt until we got along in the season and it's not what we prepared for."

Richmond has moved on from his time at Tennessee, but he still keeps in touch with his friends on the team via group texts or phone calls. The Volunteers are off to a 1-2 start this season lowlighted by a shocking Week 1 loss to Georgia State and their own overtime loss to BYU. Richmond gets no joy out of watching them struggle.

"I want them to be great so bad because I know what they're putting into it," Richmond said. "I know the frustrations that they're going through. What I told them, this is building you for an other part of your story. I'm a witness to that and I just try to let them know that too when I talk to them. Keep your head up and just try to build you and it'll work out."

But Richmond is free of that world now. He's finally got a piece of the peace he'd been searching for. Now he has to be a stabilizing force for another team whose fans are ready to turn negative if the next few weeks go poorly.

Helton's job security has been the major storyline at USC since a disappointing 5-7 campaign in 2018. The Trojans are a talented team but have daunting trips to No. 22 Washington and, after an off week, to No. 7 Notre Dame after the Pac-12 South opener against the Utes. A 2-0 start could fade into a 2-4 start if the Trojans don't find quick fixes for some of their problems. Richmond is confident USC won't suffer a similar fate as Tennessee in 2017.

"I know (the BYU game) wasn't the outcome we all wanted but sometimes, like I said, you need that type of adversity to build you up and bring you together," Richmond said. "This team is so talented, and I feel like whatever noise is going on it'll be flushed out. This was a little bump in the road.

"They've been through adversity last year. Everybody here just has a different mindset of just trying to be different, trying to be great. Sometimes, there are hurdling obstacles but I felt like we're built for it and we'll move along."

"It's comforting for me because me and him have been through a lot together," Kamara said. "A lot of times, Drew was caught up with what other people were thinking or what other people felt he should do. I always tried to get on him, 'Bro, you've got to do what's best for you. You can't really get caught up in what the outside world thinks.' I definitely (saw) this dude, he grew up and matured."

And Richmond arrived in Los Angeles on his own.

"It wasn't the best journey for me," he said, "but it was the journey I needed to go through."

'Good God, who is this kid?' How Kedon Slovis came from way off the radar to start at USC
By Antonio Morales, The Athletic, September 4, 2019

LOS ANGELES — Bryan Ellis found himself sitting in a Phoenix parking lot with three hours to kill back on May 10, 2018.

USC's quarterback coach was in Arizona evaluating some prospects at the position. Sure, he knew of a three-star named Kedon Slovis; Trojans assistant director of player personnel Alex Collins had told Ellis about him. Collins, who was in his last week at USC before leaving for Nevada (he's now at Florida Atlantic), had watched Slovis' highlights and noted his ability to make throws in the pocket and on the run, in addition to his exceptional poise.

But at this point in time, "He was not even on my radar, to be honest with you," said Ellis, who is now Western Kentucky's offensive coordinator. With that free time on his hands, Ellis sent a text to Eric Ziskin, the Trojans' former recruiting director, sharing his location and asking for Ziskin to find two or three schools nearby he could visit in the meantime.

"(Ziskin) said, 'Well, you're about a mile from Desert Mountain High School,'" Ellis recalled to The Athletic this week, noting that the school had produced five-star QB Kyle Allen back in 2014. "They had players before. 'If nothing else, keep up good relations.'"

Little did Ellis or Ziskin know that the "good relations" stopover at Desert Mountain would produce the quarterback on whose arm the Trojans's 2019 season rests. Slovis' stunning elevation to QB1 at USC began when the freshman beat out two older players for the backup job and came to a head last weekend when JT Daniels suffered a torn ACL and meniscus on a first-half sack against Fresno State.

Slovis is about as unknown as a Trojans starting quarterback could be — Ellis was far from the only one who didn't have him on his radar. But on Saturday, when USC hosts No. 23 Stanford, the college football world will receive a proper introduction.

This is how the Trojans got here.

Slovis and his father Max sat down during his freshman year at Desert Mountain and made a list. The son of two middle school teachers, Kedon grew up playing football and basketball, but he had ditched hoops before high school.

"What's the goal here?" asked Max, a math teacher who had taught and coached Kedon when he was younger. "Let's work toward that, and that was the No. 1 goal: to start on Saturdays at a big program."

These days, most quarterbacks commit during their junior year. More than half of 247Sports' top 15 quarterbacks in the 2021 recruiting class have already committed. But Slovis didn't start his first two years of high school, which complicated matters. It was hard for him to generate recruiting interest because of the lack of film on him, and he did not make up for it by becoming a frequent attendee at recruiting events.

"He was a high school kid," Ellis said. "He wasn't caught up in all the other nonsense. Not to say other guys aren't good, too, but he just went about his business in a different way than I had noticed SC-caliber quarterbacks do. The highly recruited kids are at every camp. Every possible recruiting function they could go to. He just wasn't that way.

"I don't know, the kid's just got a different mentality about him that's just kind of refreshing."

Slovis finally earned the starting job as a junior at Desert Mountain, where Hall of Fame quarterback Kurt Warner was his offensive coordinator. That season, he threw for 2,987 yards and 32 touchdowns with just five interceptions.

Max remembers watching Michigan and Michigan State play each other on TV that fall. His thoughts? I think Kedon's as good as these guys. So he called Warner and asked him what he thought.

"'I don't see why not,'" Max remembers Warner telling him. "'I think he's that level of a player.'"

There were a couple of other things working against Slovis, though. He wasn't surrounded by Division I talent elsewhere on the team, which meant Desert Mountain wasn't exactly a school coaches had to visit. On top of that, his team was far from a state title threat. The Wolves went 6-5 in Kedon's junior season and 3-7 in his senior year.

"Also, I don't think there was a bunch of urgency recruiting him because there wasn't a whole lot going on (with him)," said Jason Mohns, the head coach of six-time defending state champion Saguaro High School (Scottsdale, Ariz.). "So people put those guys on the back burner."

Slovis passed for 298 yards and two touchdowns against Saguaro last season. Still, Desert Mountain was outmanned and lost by 31 points.

"They weren't a very good team, but he made them very dangerous with his ability to extend plays, keep his eyes down the field, make throws, make throws off-balance," Mohns said. "He was tough, he was competitive. You couldn't rattle him by bringing pressure. It was just really apparent when a player on a team makes everyone else better, and he was definitely that guy."

Mohns remembers getting a call from Ellis, who wanted to pick his brain about another quarterback in Arizona whom USC was recruiting (and who eventually signed elsewhere). Mohns could tell USC liked the kid, whom he had coached against a few times.

He thought the quarterback in question was a good player, but he was firm in his beliefs and let Ellis know: "'I think the guy everybody's missing on is this kid Kedon Slovis over at Desert Mountain.'"

So here Ellis was, at Desert Mountain on a Thursday afternoon. He walked into the weight room and spoke with then-Wolves coach David Sedmak, who told Ellis he didn't think he had any players who could play at USC's level but he did have a quarterback who was pretty good.

Then Sedmak pulled up Slovis' highlights.

"I said, 'Good God, who is this kid?'" Ellis remembered. But tape was all he could see: Desert Mountain had practiced at 5 a.m. that day due to the Arizona heat, so Ellis couldn't watch Slovis. Coming back on Friday wasn't an option either due to NCAA rules prohibiting multiple school visits in the same week, so he changed his plans. Ellis flew to Los Angeles on Friday, then back to Phoenix on Sunday night. He woke up at 4 a.m. on Monday morning so he could watch Slovis throw.

"I was really blown away," Ellis said. "'This is the one.' I had been all over the country looking for quarterbacks and there was just something about his demeanor, the look in his eye, his throwing ability, all those things that I liked a lot."

First, Ellis called Collins and sent him some video of Slovis he filmed. Later on, he called Helton.

"The only thing I said to Coach Helton was, 'I found the one,'" Ellis said. There was a phone call placed to Mohns within that time, too.

"I like to take a little bit of credit," Mohns said. "(Ellis calls) and goes, 'That kid is something special.'"

Ellis was intrigued by the fact Slovis didn't have a lot of support around him. Every game was a battle. Slovis didn't complain about it and was still successful. It was almost the polar opposite of Daniels, who was playing with an all-star crew at Mater Dei.

"He was at Mater Dei and he was kind of picking one out and throwing it to him," Ellis said. "They were all really good. He was playing with such good players. Whereas Kedon was having to fight for his life every night. You come to USC and you have Tyler Vaughns, Amon-Ra (St. Brown) and those guys out there, that's a huge upgrade."

Slovis received an offer from USC that same day. The Trojans, NC State and Oregon State are the only three Power 5 programs that offered Slovis.

USC was able to get Slovis to visit campus on Friday. On Saturday, Slovis publicly announced his commitment.

Ellis left to join the staff of Clay Helton's brother Tyson at Western Kentucky just weeks before Slovis officially signed with the Trojans.

"I called him and his dad and told them, 'Y'all need to stick with USC,'" Ellis said. "'You need to go there. You're going to be fine. You work your butt off and an opportunity is going to present itself.

"I don't think he thought — or me, or anybody else who had anything to do with it thought — it was going to be this fast, but here they are Week 2."

Trojans receiver and team captain Michael Pittman Jr. met Slovis when the true freshman quarterback enrolled in January, and his first impression had nothing to do with football.

"I'd say that he's kind of goofy-looking," Pittman said. "Skinny. Then he just came out and had one of the biggest arms I've ever seen. He's kind of like a shocker I guess. But he's bigger now. He's been in the weight program, now he's built up a little."

Slovis lost one close connection in Ellis a few weeks before he signed; then Kliff Kingsbury, whom USC hired as its offensive coordinator last December, became the Arizona Cardinals' head coach around the same time Slovis enrolled in classes.

Helton went three weeks without hiring an offensive coordinator, and Max would often ask Kedon for updates on the situation.

"He was like, 'Dad, in the building no one even cares. No one even notices,'" Max said. "'Everyone just goes about doing their job and they're confident they'll get us a good guy and you just do your thing.'"

At the end of January, Helton hired North Texas offensive coordinator Graham Harrell, who brought in an Air Raid offense that fit Slovis' skill set well. Unlike Pittman, Harrell didn't know enough about Slovis to form a first impression. But over the past few months, he's turned into one of Slovis' biggest champions, which is surprising considering Slovis wasn't even Harrell's recruit; he inherited him. But he's gone as far as saying talent-wise, Slovis is as good as he's ever seen.

"He's a really talented passer," Harrell said. "Fundamentally, he's very sound and the ball jumps out of his hand, and so his talent level really gives him a chance to be really successful."

That confidence in Slovis was built up over the course of 15 spring practices, a training camp and now one week of the regular season. When he arrived, expectations were considerably lower.

USC already had basically invested its immediate future in Daniels, who started 11 of 12 games last season as a true freshman. And the Trojans had Jack Sears, who started against Arizona State in place of a concussed Daniels, and Matt Fink, who had been in the program for three years at that point. So Slovis seemed destined to provide depth and little else. At best, he could maybe compete for the starting job when Daniels exhausted his eligibility.

"When you're trying to follow JT Daniels ... not a lot of kids wanted a ton to do with that," Ellis said. "A lot of them brought it up. They said, 'Hey, I know JT's going to play. Am I going to get a chance to compete?' The one thing I loved about Kedon was his mom, his dad, him, not one time did they ever bring it up. They were like, 'USC is where I want to be. USC is going to sign a really good quarterback every year I'm there. It won't just be JT I've got to compete with. It's the rest of them too.' His mentality was very refreshing recruiting him."

Slovis surprised Harrell by how quickly he picked up the offense in the spring and exceeded the relatively low expectations. He studied film throughout the summer, and the consistency mostly carried over through fall camp. Harrell often pointed out how Slovis could make throws others couldn't make.

As camp progressed, he got more reps, and it was clear the staff was high on him. Two weeks ago, he emerged ahead of Fink and Sears on the depth chart as the backup quarterback. That was a surprise to most outsiders, and while most true freshmen might find that encouraging on a team with an incumbent starter, Slovis considered it a disappointment.

"I think that was the biggest thing (about) being named No. 2 is regaining that confidence you lost in not being the guy," Slovis said.

Max described the moment as surreal as he and his ex-wife Lisa LaPedes-Slovis watched in the stands on Saturday.

They weren't thinking about it this way, but their son's life had changed dramatically when Daniels fell to the turf in pain. It's obviously not the circumstances Slovis wanted, but now he was being thrust into one of the most glamorous positions in college football: starting quarterback at USC.

"You feel for the kid, you feel for his parents," Max said. "It's a fellow teammate, so you feel bad for the kid no matter what. But your chance comes once. You can't look at it in the face and say I don't want that chance. You've got to grasp that chance and go with it."

Max described it as a good "get-your-feet-wet" moment for his son. Slovis' 41-yard pass to Vaughns down inside the five-yard line that set up a touchdown happened in the corner of the field where they were sitting. LaPedes-Slovis was nervous when Kedon was inserted into the lineup, and she got even more nervous when he threw an interception on another deep ball.

Max told her there would be some freshman mistakes along this ride, so she can relax a little bit. He said he didn't really know what to expect for Kedon entering the season. He and Lisa booked flights planning to just watch Kedon stand on the sidelines last Saturday. Now he'll be the Trojans' starter for the foreseeable future.

In order to apply proper context to how surprising this is, consider that Slovis will be the 13th quarterback to start a game for the Trojans this century. All 12 before him were four- or five-star prospects. Slovis is the first three-star prospect of the bunch. And 247Sports' 0.8683 composite recruiting rating of Slovis is by far the lowest of the group.

He's not from Orange County, like so many USC quarterbacks before him. He didn't attend Mater Dei. He doesn't have a high-profile private quarterback coach. As a matter of fact, Max says Shawn Seaman, who works with Slovis on his mechanics, isn't really a QB coach. He's an engineer by trade whose son happened to play quarterback, so he knows a bit about the position.

Slovis, a little like Sam Darnold before him, took an unconventional route here.

"I give Coach Helton a lot of credit because that's not the easiest thing to do at a place like USC, to go out on a limb like that," Ellis said. "Coach Helton trusted his eyes, trusted my evaluation, trusted his evaluation and we went with it. It's worked out so far for him."

Helton's decision to name a true freshman as his backup drew some criticism from the fan base, especially when there were two more experienced options behind him. Now, the Trojans' embattled coach will have to live with the results for better or worse. And Helton's future resides in the hands of an 18-year-old nobody expected to be in this position, so Slovis will have to prove it was a gamble worth taking.

"You've got to remember that they are 18-year-old kids, and they are under incredible pressure but it is also the job they are applying for," Max said. "He knows this is what the decision is. He really wants that position. That pressure.

"You've got your chance. Can you handle it?"

Slimmed down Jay Tufele ready to be impact player
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In the middle of the USC defensive line, a trio of third-year defensive tackles will anchor the Trojans' run defense and try to apply some pressure on the quarterback. Redshirt sophomores Marlon Tuipulotu and Jay Tufele along with junior Brandon Pili are expected to be the mainstays, holding down the line of scrimmage.

Tufele enters the season with the most expectations, after having 23 tackles (4.5 for loss), three sacks, returning a fumble for a touchdown and blocking a kick during his redshirt freshman season. He was named to the All-Pac-12 second team and has been a familiar name on preseason watch lists. He's on watch lists for the Bronco Nagurski Award and the Bednarik Award, which are both awarded to who they see as the nation's top defensive player. He was also named preseason All-Pac-12 first team

"You know I'm just grateful," Tufele said. "I mean I don't really pay attention to that other stuff. I'm just trying to do my job and help my team however I can."

Tufele's versatility gives defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast and new defensive line coach Chad Kauha'aha'a some options. Tufele began at nose guard last season lining up over the center. He moved out to the three-technique where he was lined up on outside shoulder of the offensive guards. Tufele has the strength to play nose, but the quickness to be a pass rusher lining up in the three-tech. Those are both elements of his game that he worked to strengthen this offseason.

"I've gotten a lot better with my pass rush, being able to explode off the ball faster and quicker," he said. "That's credit to our strength staff and our coaches and the drills that we've been doing."

Tufele has actually slimmed down from his playing weight last season but has said he feels stronger. He weighed in at 306 pounds this week, right in his ideal playing weight of 305-308 pounds. He is lifting more weight but feels he is moving better. It has been most noticeable in an eruptive first step. His endurance has also improved, so it is plausible that Tufele could be used outside in USC's typical alignments and then be moved inside to nose guard in a pass rush package when the Trojans force an opponent into long third downs.

The Trojans are expected to use more defensive alignments with four true down linemen rather than two linemen and two standup outside linebackers as has been the base unit for the past three years. Tufele is excited about the change having four players with their hands on the ground.

"I feel really comfortable. It's really good to have more guys with their hands down and being able to get after it, so a four-man front is amazing," Tufele said. "Everyone on the whole line is really good and it's going to be really exciting to see how this year goes."

USC enters the season opener against Fresno State in great shape up front on the defensive line. It has eight to 10 potential contributors and has everyone except Jacob Lichtenstein healthy with Lichtenstein expected to return in the next week or so.

It's the deepest defensive front USC has had since 2015 when it had seniors Antwaun Woods, Claude Pelon, Greg Townsend Jr., Delvon Simmons and Cody Temple while getting contributions from underclassmen Kenny Bigelow Jr., Rasheem Green and Noah Jefferson. The biggest difference for this year's unit is that Christian Rector is the only senior. Along with the third-year trio in the middle of the line, the Trojans also have junior college transfers Caleb Tremblay and Nick Figueroa, redshirt junior Connor Murphy and freshmen Drake Jackson, De'jon Benton, Stanley Ta'ufo'ou and Trevor Trout.

"I feel good about [the defensive line depth, man," Tufele said. "It's just good to see all the young guys stepping up. You know, they're going to make a great impact, and we're just ready to get out there."

The additional depth has created more trust between the players. Starters don't have to be afraid to come out of the game to take a breather. Now they're able to truly buy in to the "next man up" mentality. There isn't a significant drop off between the first and second group, so the Trojans should be able to rotate more players, keep everyone more fresh and get the best effort from each player every time they are on the field.

USC's depth could be showcased on Saturday night against the Bulldogs. Tufele expects to face off against a big, physical offensive line. Fresno State's big uglies allowed only 12 sacks last season, but the Bulldogs lost four starters, returning only Syrus Tuitele at right tackle. Tufele and the Tuipiulotu/Pili combo could have the most favorable matchup depending on USC's alignment because Fresno State's expected starter at center is former walk-on Matt Smith.

"I know they've been coached well, really well," Tufele said. "They got a big o-line. It's just going to be a physical game all night. But, you know, we prepared well, and now we're going to be able to showcase what we've been working on.

"Everyone's really flying around. Everyone's really anxious to play Fresno and just play another team and get the season started."

USC's Graham Harrell doesn't care what you think about the Air Raid — or his love of pro wrestling
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LOS ANGELES — Graham Harrell hasn't really decorated his office yet.

That isn't to say Harrell's space on the second floor of the McKay Center is entirely uninteresting eight months into his tenure as USC's offensive coordinator. To the right, a few papers are scattered across the desk, including a stack of crossword puzzles. If he has five minutes of free time between meetings, he'll knock out two or three clues because it frees his mind from football.

Books sit on a shelf above his desk — like Phil Jackson's Eleven Rings — and behind his office chair is a framed Packers jersey from his stint in Green Bay. To the left, a window overlooks an IM soccer field, where on any given day Harrell could look out and instead see sororities battling to push a giant beach ball across the goal line, competitive quidditch or even motion-capture tryouts for Madden 2021.

But the object resting on the mini-fridge next to that window is the most curious sight here. It is the only real belonging Harrell has brought from home. One of his most valuable possessions. His WWE World Heavyweight Championship belt.

This black strap fitted with shining gold plates goes a long way to explain how USC's new offensive coordinator approaches the game of football. Yes, winning is vital to Harrell, but he also places a premium on passion and entertainment.

"Most people judge wrestling without giving it a fair shake," Harrell says. "If you watched some from the heyday or listened to some of the stuff they said, I don't think anyone can deny they were good entertainers."

Obviously, Harrell prominently displays this belt (a gift after the Packers won Super Bowl XLV in 2011) to show his love for professional wrestling and to pay homage to the grandiose characters — Sting, Shawn Michaels and Stone Cold Steve Austin — he has watched since he was 7 years old. But to Harrell, now 34, this hardware is no toy prop and his love for wrestling is not just a healthy escape. He uses the belt to encourage competition among his quarterbacks, through weekly contests, and he sees the spectacle of wrestling as a way to inspire, by telling stories to his players and by rolling tape of epic matches from his boyhood heroes.

Still don't get it? Allow one of his all-time favorites, Triple H, to explain.

"We are a theatrical, larger-than-life version of the athlete that they want to be," Paul "Triple H" Levesque, now WWE's executive VP of talent, live events and creative, told The Athletic. "It's what you want to do."

And the brazen display of this belt reveals another truth Graham Harrell has taken from pro wrestling.

He doesn't give a damn what you think.

Disneyland can be hot and hectic during the summer, so as Harrell's extended family visits the theme park on vacation, his mother, Kathy, elects to stay in at Graham's house in Palos Verdes. Instead of fighting the crowds, she's reminiscing about a photo album she has back home in Ennis, Texas.

"Wrestling was always just part of what they did," Kathy says of Graham and his younger brother, Clark. "They'd have their own little wrestling matches in the living room.

"I always thought, 'Well, they're guys and guys aren't overly affectionate," she says, the mere mention of the subject sending her back in time. "That's how I'd rationalize it. That's just how they show affection."

A quarter-century ago, Fridays in the Harrell household belong to football. The whole family attends his father Sam's games as he builds his own high school coaching legacy in Ennis. For young Graham, though, Saturdays belong to WCW, as he and Clark sit enthralled by the David-and-Goliath struggles of Sting vs. Big Van Vader.

"It seemed like it was always the rivalry they were hyping up," Harrell says. "As a (young kid), you're like, 'Vader's going to kill this poor guy.' Me and my little brother couldn't miss it."

Graham and Clark routinely dress as their heroes for Halloween. Kathy's job: Master Sting's face paint and apply Hulk's mustache. She chalks the obsession up as a pair of little boys' infatuation with larger-than-life characters.

"Like superheroes," Kathy says now, "you kind of outgrow that."

Back in the quiet comfort of Graham's house, she sounds more hopeful than confident.

"It's not really classy in my eyes," she says. "But there could be worse things he could be into. It's not going to change apparently. I guess he doesn't mind having that unsophisticated side to him. What would you call wrestling, redneckish?"

As a boy, Harrell doesn't grow up with aspirations of being a professional wrestler. Even though his older neighbors hold backyard wrestling matches, Graham and Clark don't participate. Instead they fill the role as the ringside heels, knocking whoever the babyface is over the head with cookie sheets stolen from Kathy's kitchen.

But there are times Graham and Clark test their skills, and the limits of Kathy's patience, on the trampoline. Whatever the wrestlers do on TV is in bounds, whether that's a Vader powerbomb or a Rey Mysterio hurricanrana.

But when Graham attempts a hurricanrana on 10-year-old Clark in the house, he finally goes too far. Graham runs straight at him, leaps so that his legs hook over his brother's shoulders and then locks his heels behind Clark's head. The plan is to frontflip Clark, then pin him.

Except.

"Bam! He went headfirst straight into the hard floor," Graham says. "It puts him out for a second. I shut the door and try to get him to come to. At first, I thought I might have killed him. Then he comes back and he was kind of scared.

"I just had to keep him in there and make sure he wasn't going to tell Mom or Dad."

Graham would eventually play it safe and pick up the family trade to play for his dad at Ennis High. He starts at quarterback for three seasons and setting single-season and career state records for passing yards and touchdowns. His wrestling antics gradually pushed aside by his own football heroics – for the most part.

Ask his wife, Brittney, about her first trip to the Harrell household about eight years ago. Graham's family is there, as are Brittney and her two sisters. Shortly into their visit, Graham and Clark move the couch and the coffee table and clear the room. Then they start wrestling.

"I was so freaked out," says Brittney who grew up without brothers. "Like, 'What is going on? What are they doing?' Everybody was just walking around the kitchen, doing normal stuff.

"And nobody thought it was strange."

Graham's just joking.

Or at least Mike Leach is under that impression once he overhears his young quarterback talking about wrestling. Surely, he's just poking fun at one of his Texas Tech teammates from out in the sticks.

"He just didn't seem like the wrestling demographic," recalls Leach, the former Red Raiders coach who is now at Washington State.

Leach is famous for his own wide array of interests, ranging from insurgent warfare to pirates. They're pursuits others laugh off, but he takes them seriously. And anyone who has played or worked with Harrell knows he doesn't stray too far from Leach in this regard.

"At first with Graham, it's tough to tell what he's serious about and what he's not," says former Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk, whose locker was right next to Harrell's.

Most of Harrell's conversations about wrestling eventually lead to him defending its credibility. He'll admit it's scripted, but unless you're ready to argue, please don't tell him it's fake. Harrell doesn't believe wrestlers are landing big hits all the time but you can't fake some of those bumps. In his mind, those wrestlers are better athletes than they're given credit for.

He defends wrestling almost as fiercely as he does his brand of football. He's a staunch believer in the Air Raid. He set records in the system at Texas Tech from 2006-08, back when the offense was still viewed as a gimmick. Even though he passed for more than 15,000 yards and 131 touchdowns in his three seasons as a starter, Harrell went undrafted in 2009.

"Whether it's Graham or any of those guys," says former Texas Tech quarterback Cody Hodges, "If we're all coming out of Tech now, we'd all still be playing. We were 10 years too early. Back in the day, there were knocks on guys like us. We were products of the system."

Now, the Air Raid is practically mainstream. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, also a product of Texas Tech, was the 2018 NFL MVP. Another Leach disciple, Kliff Kingsbury, is the head coach of the Arizona Cardinals. Lincoln Riley has used it at Oklahoma to produce the last two Heisman winners. And USC – both Tailback U and a drop-back quarterback factory – is shifting from pro-style to the Air Raid this season.

Like his love of wrestling, Harrell has stuck by his football counterculture the whole time, even when others see it as some sort of sideshow.

"Apparently, if he likes something, other people's opinions don't matter," Kathy says before adopting her son's voice. "'Y'all may think I'm goofy or think this isn't cool but I'm going to like it anyway.'

"He doesn't have to have other people's approval."

Harrell's had enough. His North Texas quarterbacks are joking too much and not taking him seriously. The Mean Green are in the middle of back-to-back nine-win seasons, an impressive run that began just a year after they won just one game in 2015. And these guys are yucking it up? The film session comes to an abrupt end.

Instead of ripping into his players, Harrell morphs the meeting into a history lesson on toughness. But today's lecture is not just about wrestling. And it's not just about a cage match or any old Hell in a Cell. This is about the Hell in a Cell. The one where Undertaker throws Mick Foley, also known as "Mankind", sixteen feet off the cage through a ringside table, only for Foley to recover, return to the top of the cage and get choke-slammed through its roof to the ring below.

And Harrell makes them watch it blow-by-blow.

"If you can't appreciate what those guys do watching that match, then you're just being blind and biased," Harrell says, getting a little fired up himself. "Because Mick Foley put his life on the line that night and really put on a show."

The video gets his message across, but Harrell's players would have been even better off watching one of his own highlights. The outlook isn't promising for Texas Tech on Thanksgiving weekend. The Red Raiders still hold slim hopes of a 2008 Big 12 title game appearance, but they're down 28-14 to Baylor midway through the third quarter and Harrell has been playing since halftime with two shattered fingers (nine separate breaks) on his non-throwing hand.

"You've got to understand, we've never lost to Baylor," says Leach, who is 8-0 against the Bears at this point of his Texas Tech tenure. "Not one time. And we weren't planning to that day either."

Harrell, with fingers taped, leads two touchdown drives to tie the game early in the fourth. When Tech regains possession with the game still tied at 28-28, Harrell again starts moving the ball quickly downfield. Throughout the drive, Baylor's coaches scream about officiating, at one point making their way onto the field where they got an earful in return from Harrell. He then finishes the drive with his sixth straight completion, a three-yard touchdown that gives Tech the lead for good.

"They get to jawing back and forth," Leach says, "and after we score Graham turns back to the Baylor sideline and gives some wrestling signal. I didn't even know what it was. You had to follow wrestling to know it was derogatory. Their whole sideline erupted. He was so ticked off at them after that."

Harrell celebrates the win on Sunday with a four-hour surgery to insert 17 pins in his hand. His performance shows a mix of bravura and bravado you see don't see all too much, especially from a quarterback. A cocky display more familiar to, well ... wrestlers.

"When we were in DX," Triple H says, "not a week went by that somebody didn't tell me, 'Oh, did you see the game this weekend? So and so scored a touchdown and did the DX chop.' "

Harrell laughs because he doesn't know if wrestling shaped him for the better, but honestly, "I think you just thought that was the way to do things," he says. "You ran your mouth, you talked a lot of noise and that's what we did. It probably influenced me more than I'd like to admit."

Harrell wasn't the tallest, strongest armed or most athletic quarterback. In this sense, he channels two of his most revered wrestlers, Shawn Michaels and Daniel Bryan, who aren't lineman-sized marvels like Hogan, the Ultimate Warrior or Undertaker.

"They understand wrestling is about so much more than them," Harrell says of the safety-sized ringmasters. "It's about truly putting on a show, entertaining. They're passionate about that and the business of being great, so I think that philosophy ... that's the one thing that I try to do too.

"Go out there and have fun and be loose because that's when you're at your best. Be passionate about what you do. Be serious and work hard at what you do. But at the same time, we're talking about a game here."

That's why Harrell doesn't normally play his quarterbacks highlights of ring action, opting instead for bombastic promos from Ric Flair or Ultimate Warrior.

Harrell is trying to teach them about passion, intensity and attacking the day. He'll incentivize his QBs with a weekly competition where the winner gets his treasured championship belt and a Twitter shoutout. If one of his quarterbacks is having a rough day, he tells them to think of Hogan or Flair. They weren't that passionate 24/7, but they sure as hell made it seem like they were.

"Emotion is contagious," North Texas QB Quinn Shanbour remembers Harrell telling his group. "Even if you resonate fake emotion, it grows into real emotion. Then it spreads to other people that might not be having the best day or feel sluggish."

When wrestlers get on the mic or walk out to the ring, the switch flips. They shift from normal people into entertainers. Kathy says Graham is pretty mild-mannered and probably the least talkative of their three sons (her oldest, Zac, is a high school head coach in Athens, just an hour down the road from Ennis). But when Graham walks onto the field, whether it was back in his playing days or now as a coach, it's almost like he's a wrestler set to enter the ring.

"He's a true entertainer," Hawk says. "And if you told him that, he'd probably get mad at you and tell you to get the hell out of here."

Graham first broaches the subject with Brittney and Kathy while driving through Texas sometime in the fall of 2013. If he and Brittney ever have a son, Graham says as seriously as possible, they're naming him HHH.

Brittney gives it some thought, then accepts on one condition – she chooses what the H's stand for.

"I couldn't be like, 'Oh, I'm joking,'" Harrell says, "Because I was halfway not joking, halfway joking and then when she says 'OK,' there's no joking to it. You're all in at that point."

In May 2015, Herschel Hawk Harrell is born. If you need evidence for how much wrestling still matters in Harrell's life, he's strapped into a booster seat. Triple H and Graham have never met, but word of little-Triple H has made its way to the big one.

"I'm not ultra familiar with him but I certainly know about him," Triple H says. "It's flattering and humbling you made a difference in somebody who followed you. Everybody's got something they looked up to, or made a big impact on their life."

The world of college sports, however, is taken so seriously and demands so much of a coach's time.

"He doesn't bring work home," she says. "He's always been good with that. Even with Hawk. He's so focused on family when he's away from work."

"Now that I have a son of my own, wrestling's a great kind of bond," Harrell says. "I don't know if it's great to bond over – but we enjoy watching it and more than anything he enjoys watching because it gets him fired up and he wants to start wrestling."

Harrell DVRs shows like Monday Night Raw and SmackDown Live. When he gets home, he'll fast forward through some matches but stops when he sees someone wielding a microphone, so he stays updated on the storylines. Clark still calls him after some matches and PPVs to recap the latest events. These days, wrestling serves as an escape for Graham.

"To me, coaches get in trouble when they don't have anything to pull them away," Graham says. "It just frees your mind to get away from something. I think wrestling can do that same thing."

So even though, Brittney may roll her eyes when Graham or Clark call Hawk "HHH," she knows deep down, that interest in wrestling is a positive for her husband. Which is why one constant has remained as Harrell climbs through the coaching profession: Wherever they live, Brittney, allows him to decorate one room.

In Harrell's current man cave, a signed Joe Montana 49ers jersey hangs on one wall, his 2008 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award sits on his desk, and four posters crowd another wall. The framed prints have followed him and Brittney on all three moves they've made in the past five years. They're minimalist portraits of four wrestlers – Hulk Hogan, Andre The Giant, Macho Man and The Ultimate Warrior.

"As long as they're in his space," Brittney says, "I don't really care what goes up."

"It's almost like if I was this committed for this long, I can't give up now," Harrell says of his love for wrestling. "I just have to keep rolling."

As USC goes through the final week of spring practice, Harrell sits at his desk searching for an answer.

Which wrestler's backstory would you compare to your coaching career?

Mind you, he's just spent the past 22 minutes riffing on current and former wrestlers.

On The Rock: "He was entertaining but, in the moment, I don't think I liked him as much because I liked most of the people he was always fighting."

Stone Cold: "When that glass shattered, I don't think there was any single noise that could ignite emotion like that."

Of Roman Reigns: "I don't think he's bad in the ring, I just don't think he can entertain the crowd with a microphone."

And Becky Lynch: "The women they have wrestling right now, there are probably some better in the ring than her, but she's a fan favorite because she's so much better with the mic in her hands and she can control a crowd."

A former colleague of Harrell's likens him to Randy Orton, who was the youngest World Champion in WWE history and a third-generation wrestler. Harrell, like his father and grandfather, is a coach.

Clark believes Triple H suits Graham's personality. "He could be a jerk," he deadpans. "And he kind of wants to be the man. Between those two things, he fits the Triple H persona of wanting to be the alpha male."

Graham is still weighing which wrestler's path most resembles his. He can't come up with an immediate response. He doesn't want bias to cloud his judgment and promises to eventually come back with an answer.

After months of reflection, Graham finally settles on an answer: Bret Hart, who grew up under the tutelage of his much-acclaimed father Stu – a former amateur wrestler and famed trainer. Bret and his brother Owen eventually got into the family business of wrestling. Harrell grew up under the tutelage of his father, and his two brothers are coaches as well. The sideline was always his presumed destination.

But whether it's Orton, Triple H or Hart, they all have one trait in common: They were all main-event staples.

Up until now, Harrell's has spent his career in the mid-card, like Leach, at programs such as Texas Tech, Washington State and North Texas. But Harrell doesn't believe that's a negative.

"Take Kofi Kingston for example," Harrell says, going full nerd about the wrestler who won the WWE Championship at WrestleMania this past April after spending most of his 11-year career away from the main event. "If he never would have won a WWE championship that doesn't mean he wasn't a great performer or a great wrestler. He just knew his spot. I don't think college football has to be defined by being at the highest level or in the best jobs.

"North Texas, for instance, is one of the greatest jobs in the world. I loved it. I was happy. It was an unbelievable job with an unbelievable administration and I think you could be at North Texas for an entire career and impact life at a great level. That's what I think college football, ultimately, should be about."

Harrell started this coaching journey just five years ago when he took an analyst role with Leach at Washington State. Two years later, he became the offensive coordinator at North Texas and stayed for three seasons.

Then USC – a main-event school – decided its offense needed a new headliner and made Harrell its offensive coordinator. With that spotlight, comes pressure – Harrell's basically been appointed to revive the offense and help save coach Clay Helton's job after USC finished a 5-7 season on a three-game losing streak.

Now, six seasons into his career, what amounts to Harrell's title shot is here in the form of USC's next 12 games, beginning with Fresno State on Saturday.

"It's like WrestleMania came early for me," he says. "I get the title shot. That's probably a pretty good comparison there because I'm at a place where I've actually got a shot to win a title, to perform on the biggest stage.

"What level it is, doesn't define the sport ... but it is nice to maybe get that shot one time."